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CROWDED CLASSES REMAIN A PROBLEM

Grade 12 Western Canada students Anthonel Redhead, left, and Shar Corpus say overcrowding at their school has left some courses inaccessible and they fear being forced to enrol in upgrade offerings elsewhere before applying for post-secondary. Calgary's public school board conceded this week that a lack of funding and available classroom space is taking its toll in some facilities. See story, page 4.

CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Modular classrooms have been ready for months: Builder

Alberta classroom squeeze. Parents blame province for delays in adding needed school space



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Dozens of modular classrooms have been sitting in a Crossfield-area construction yard for months, as permitting or installation delays have seemingly dogged plans to transfer the ready structures to needed school sites, says the head of the company responsible for building them.

Cal Harvey, chief executive of Modus Structures, one of two companies tasked with building modulars for Alberta school boards, said his organization received a contract from the Alberta government

in the spring to build approximately 120 modulars.

"We have fulfilled our contract and have turned all of those classrooms over to Alberta Infrastructure.... The vast majority of the classrooms we built were delivered by the end of June, as per our contract," he said. "We still have approximately 40-50 modular classrooms sitting in our yard, waiting to be picked up."

Metro reported earlier this week that 10 of 16 modulars pledged for the Calgary Board of Education and Calgary Catholic School District had missed a targeted opening that would coincide with the start of September classes.

The CBE was still waiting on two modulars to attach to crammed West Springs School and another two for the community of Saddle Ridge. The Catholic board, meanwhile, said it had no word of when two modulars would be delivered to Light of

Christ School and sent back four that arrived at Bishop Grandin High School after finding "deficiencies in the roof of each of them."

Harvey said Modus is not given an indication of where the modulars it builds are due to be delivered, but distanced the company from any blame for delays in installation.

"Sometimes there are problems with getting permits, sometimes there are troubles with getting contractors to do the connection work," he said. "Again, that work is the responsibility of the school district, and if there's a delay on that end that means the modulars sit in the yard waiting to be picked up."

An emailed statement from the province, meanwhile, said it was the "school jurisdiction's responsibility to apply for permitting as well as to pick up each completed modular and arrange for installation."

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FLOOD RECOVERY

Continuing on his torrid pace of post-swearing-in announcements, Premier Jim Prentice will be in Calgary today at the Bow Habitat Station to make an announcement on flood recovery and mitigation.

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DE GROOT CASE

Court appearance for Matthew de Groot, 23, charged in stabbing deaths of five young people in April. The court is expected to hear about his psychiatric examination on whether he is criminally responsible.

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AI WEIWEI

Chinese artist Ai Weiwei has transformed Alcatraz into a massive art installation called @Large: Ai Weiwei on Alcatraz. The exhibit opens Saturday and includes portraits of 176 political prisoners made up of 1.2 million Lego bricks.

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STREISAND

People who need people apparently need Babs. Barbra Streisand showed hot young talent how it's done this week when her new album Partners entered the Billboard 200 chart at No. 1.

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EBOLA FIGHT

U.S. lawmakers have approved the use of leftover Afghanistan war money to fight Ebola. Canada, which has already contributed \$5 million to the cause, announced it will contribute another \$30 million.

City updating traffic lights to have power during outages

Surprise snow. Traffic forced to a crawl as lights went out amid September storm



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Crews are accelerating efforts to supply traffic lights with some added juice after a summer snowstorm knocked power out and crippled traffic flow in numerous areas of the city earlier this month.

Calgary roads director Troy McLeod said of 98 traffic-light standards affected by the widespread grid outages, 33 were on major routes, including Anderson Road, Crowchild Trail, Macleod Trail and Sarcee Trail.

"That really reduces the capacity because the intersection is going to a four-way stop operation, which just doesn't provide the capacity we need it to," McLeod said Thursday. "There were significant delays."

Lights on

Troy McLeod, City of Calgary roads director, said the UPS systems being installed in traffic-light standards work in much the same way as the ParkPlus pay machines seen spread out through the downtown core.

But in response the city will turn to uninterruptible power supply (UPS) systems and McLeod said the intent is to hit the major routes in short order. The systems consist of a pack of batteries stored in the cabinet of a light standard that charge over time through the normal power supply.

"When needed, they operate the signal for a period of time," McLeod said. "They can't operate for weeks or anything but they can operate for hours and it allows the signal to stay in operation during these events."

McLeod noted that, all things considered, the roads were actually kept in decent



This photo shows the long line of traffic that formed along Macleod Trail as power outages amid the surprise Sept. 10 snowfall knocked out many traffic lights, turning busy intersections into four-way stops. METRO FILE

shape as the surprise Sept. 10 snowstorm rolled into Calgary, knocking over thousands of trees and, at its peak, leaving 74,000 without power. The outages impacted 2.5 times as many people as during the historic flood of 2013.

McLeod said efforts are also

underway to improve communication along the traffic light system, noting that, of the more than 1,000 standards in the city, only 560 provide instant information to city officials when they go out or turn to flashing. Efforts are also underway to improve traffic-

light timing in the downtown core, he said.

McLeod noted the Sept. 10 issue was rare, but added, "If we get that level of power outage again, we want to ensure that our key corridors have the capability to provide continuous service."

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Classes cram in 40 per teacher, as registrations continue to soar

'It's killing our teachers.'
Students fear missing out on key courses before graduation

Per-student funding is declining and facility space is at a premium, say Calgary public school officials, who believe student counts will remain high in a number of classrooms this year.

The Calgary Board of Education won't have a formalized head count of its kids until Sept. 30, but superintendents have said they expect more than 3,000 additional students have registered for classes.

Last year, the board cut heavily into per-student funding at the high-school level and data submitted to the province indicated an average class-size growth in excess of 10 per cent. Both high-school teachers and students alike reported some core-subject classrooms with a single instructor and more than

40 students crammed in.

This time around, the cuts were spread more evenly, and Cathy Faber, the organization's superintendent of learning innovation, said principals are working to make the "best allocation" of funding possible.

"We know we're working with more students," she said. "We also know we're working with less student funding. We also know that space is getting tighter and tighter. So, some of those things are beyond our control. I would say we're trying to harmonize some of our services and support."

Western Canada High School Grade 12 students Shar Corpus and Anthonel Redhead were quick to identify issues in their building Thursday.

"Grade 12s are being put behind because all of the classes have been filled up," said Corpus. "So, if we need a class, we either can't get it, or we have to wait."

Redhead chimed in, "Or we have to change our whole schedule just to accommodate



Cathy Faber, superintendent of learning innovation for the Calgary Board of Education, said she has faith in teachers and principals to weather the storm of declining per-student funding. METRO FILE PHOTOS

for that one class and we think that's unfair because we're Grade 12s and we are going to post-secondary. We are writing our diplomas and we want to take those course we're ring to

have to upgrade after Grade 12 to get them."

During rollout of the 2014 budget, then-Education Minister Jeff Johnson urged boards to dip into reserve funds to

counter any declines in funding. But school-board officials and representatives with the Alberta Teachers Association alike have been quick to criticize the dollars being devoted

to the classroom.

Frank Bruseker, head of the association's Local 38, said the few teachers he's spoken to indicated class sizes are "basically status quo from last year."

Administrators speaking to Metro have said real struggles emerge during tutorial periods, as teachers struggle to provide students with one-on-one assistance.

"It (class size concerns) has just fallen of the radar because people are getting used to it, but it's killing our teachers," said one senior-high administrator earlier this month.

But Faber noted the CBE's provincial testing results improve every year despite the challenges facing the organization.

"We know that we have some difficult choices to make but we also have some amazing people to work with," she said. "Those amazing people are out teachers and our support staff, but also our community."

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO WITH FILES FROM CANDICE WARD

Community rallies around rabbits seized from Calgary home

Foster homes have taken in dozens of rabbits seized from a Calgary home last month, and prospective pet owners have also made inquiries about adopting the furry critters.

The Calgary Humane Society says such support is extremely helpful, especially as they've seized 600 animals from inadequate living conditions to date this year, 200 more than they did through-

out all of 2013.

"And that's on top of what we're dealing on regular basis, with people bringing their animals in and strays," noted spokesperson Christy Thompson.

"Definitely it's a strain on our resources but we have a tremendous amount of support, both from the community and our foster parents."

In all, 92 rabbits and ham-

Quoted

"Definitely it's a strain on our resources but we have a tremendous amount of support, both from the community and our foster parents."

Christy Thompson, spokesperson for Calgary Humane Society, says this year the organization has seized 600 animals from inadequate living situations

sters were removed Aug. 30 from a home in Erin Woods due to what society investigators say was a "lack of

adequate space, unsanitary conditions and medical neglect."

Last week, Anthony and

Chris Berry were both arrested and charged with 92 Criminal Code counts each of willful cause or permit to be caused, unnecessary pain, suffering or injury to an animal as well as wilfully neglect or fail to provide adequate food, water, shelter and care for an animal.

Thompson said, since the seizure, 25 per cent of the animals found in the worst shape have been euthanized.

But she said there's a positive side too, as six have been put up for adoption and one has already found a new home.

Another 20 remain in foster homes and three are transitioning to be put up for adoption.

Several of the animals seized remain in holding and are under careful supervision from society staff, Thompson said. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

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Manitoba. Former Calgary Zoo animal behind death of fellow tiger

An Amur tiger that formerly made its home at the Calgary Zoo attacked and killed a fellow big cat at its new home in Winnipeg.

Staff at the Assiniboine Park Zoo said its oldest Amur tiger, Baikal, had wandered into an enclosure where two young male tigers, Samkha and Vasili, were being housed and Vasili and Baikal got into a confrontation. Samkha and Vasili were recent arrivals from the Calgary Zoo. Baikal, the older tiger, was killed in the confrontation.

The zoo said a gate con-

Review

The zoo is conducting a review of the incident and said visitors were not in danger.

necting the two enclosures had been mistakenly left unlocked which allowed Baikal to get in.

"This is a tragic event and our staff are devastated," said Dr. Brian Joseph, Director of Zoological Operations for the Assiniboine Park Zoo in a release. **METRO**

Inter-province relations

B.C. premier expects good results with Prentice at helm

Premier Christy Clark says she expects the relationship between British Columbia and Alberta to blossom under the leadership of new Alberta

Premier Jim Prentice.

Clark says she spoke to Prentice shortly after he took the helm of the neighbouring province and she thinks his election is very good for B.C. and Canada.

She says her top priority for their first meeting will be B.C.'s five conditions for any oil pipeline that would flow west. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Group urges building bridge instead of diverting river

SW Ring Road.

Conservation society to host public forum on river impacts



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With the estimated price tag for Calgary's southwest ring road already at \$5 billion, the Alberta government should spend a bit more and build a proper bridge over the Elbow River, according to the Weaselhead/Glenmore Park Preservation Society.

Executive director Lisa Dahlseide said her group would like to see the route include a structure similar to the Stoney Trail crossing over the Bow River in Bowness Park, which would be less disruptive to the environment.

"They did a pretty good job there," Dahlseide said of that bridge. "If we can get some-

thing like that, that would be, I think a better option."

The current plan, as illustrated in a video the province released last month, involves diverting the river and having the road cross a narrow channel.

"We've coined it the Elbow Ditch," Dahlseide said.

The impacts to the environment and the river — which is a major source of Calgary's drinking water — would be significant, she added.

The ring road plan, which may still see some tweaks before construction begins, requires the city to cede a small portion of the Weaselhead, something Alberta Transportation urban construction manager Garry Lamb described as unfortunate but not unprecedented.

"Man has had an impact on the Weaselhead before and unfortunately will continue to have an impact as we move forward," he said when the route was announced, noting the



An Alberta government video outlines the plan for diverting the Elbow River into a narrow channel where the southwest portion of the ring will cross, near Weaselhead Flats. **SCREENSHOT**

park's current form was partially created by the construction of the Glenmore Dam in the 1930s.

Lamb is set to be among the speakers at a public forum hosted by the Weaselhead/Glenmore Park Preservation Society on Oct. 7. Other speak-

ers will include representatives from the Miistakis Institute and The Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society, also known as "Cows and Fish."

Dave Taylor of NewsTalk 770 is set to moderate the forum from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Cedarbrae Community Centre.



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Proposal

U of C president speaks for first time on tuition hikes

Proposed tuition increases for three programs are needed to maintain quality teaching and the campus

experience students expect at the University of Calgary, says the school's president.

Elizabeth Cannon — speaking publicly for the first time since details of market-modifier hikes have surfaced — said discussions with students are ongoing but she's "comfortable" with the amounts being requested

by U of C administrators and with meeting the Oct. 15 provincial submission deadline.

If approved, undergraduate students in the law program will pay an additional \$250 per course, while engineering students will be on the hook for an additional \$170 per course. The

increases amount to 24 and 31.6 per cent, respectively.

Graduate students in the business-administration program could be in line to pay \$300 more per course, an increase of 18.5 per cent.

"We feel these (programs) are the ones that need attention," Cannon said Thursday, later adding, "Our tuition,

in general in Alberta and at the University of Calgary, is losing ground, if you will, to other institutions across the country because we ... have been in an environment of tying tuition increases to (the consumer price index), where other jurisdictions it's going up at higher envelopes than that." JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO



University of Calgary President Elizabeth Cannon METRO FILE

Study finds highest autism rates among CBE elementary students

Only CBE. Rates more even among grades in Catholic schools and Rocky View schools



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Rates of autism among Calgary kids are, on the whole, on par with other jurisdictions but particularly high when it comes to elementary students within the Calgary Board of Education, according to a new study.

A total of 1,711 school-aged children in the Calgary region have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), according to a research paper published Thursday by the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy.

Prevalence

1:86

Among CBE elementary-aged students, one in 86 had an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis.

That works out to a rate of one in 94 across the entire student body studied, but there are significant differences between grade levels.

Among elementary-aged students, one in 86 had an ASD diagnosis. Among senior-level students, the rate was one in 113.

The lower proportion of students with autism in senior grades was only observed in the CBE, according to the report, "and not seen in the two other, largest boards," namely the Calgary Catholic School District and Rocky View Schools.

Herb Emery, a co-author of the report, said there are two hypotheses as to why.

The first is that autism is increasing in prevalence among younger children, but that seems less likely given that the difference in rates by grade level wasn't observed outside the CBE.

The more likely explanation, he said, is that the larger CBE plays more of an "all-comers role" and sees more students with cases of severe autism, who may be likely to drop out of high school or move to home schooling.

"These are all hypotheses

Experience

"It was glorified babysitting, in my opinion. It did not benefit my child."

Heather Daly, on why she pulled her autistic son out of a CBE school after Grade 3

at this point," Emery cautioned.

Heather Daly's autistic son J.J. was enrolled in a Grade 3 class within the CBE, but she opted to pull him out after finding the support services inadequate.

She and her family ultimately decided to leave Calgary altogether and moved to New York state in search of better schooling for J.J.

"My husband works remotely every day, just so we can be down here, where my kids get way better services," she said.

Metro requested an interview with the Calgary Board of Education on Thursday but was told the "spokesperson on this topic is away until Monday" and asked to submit questions by email.

No response to those questions came by press time.



Heather Daly and her son J.J., who has been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. Heather pulled J.J. from a Calgary Board of Education school after Grade 3, finding the support services to be inadequate. FACEBOOK

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Building Alberta. Prentice kills Redford's brand plan

Premier Jim Prentice heaped scorn on former premier Alison Redford's seven-figure signature Building Alberta branding campaign Thursday — and then he drove a stake through it.

Prentice criticized the 300 Building Alberta signs that now crowd the Alberta landscape, announcing everything from road repairs to building startups and always including Redford's name.

"You know, 300 signs staked out in the ground isn't a good measure of performance — and you're not going to see my name on any signs," Prentice said to applause in a speech to the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

"What you're going to see is the minister of finance and the minister of infrastructure standing up in the seat of democracy ... tabling a report card on where we are on the capital build."

Prentice, speaking later to reporters, confirmed the campaign will be shelved, but not at added cost.

"I'm not prepared to in-

Breaking the news

Building Alberta was a branding program that at its height touched every piece of good news information that emanated from the Redford government.

vest dollars removing (the signs)," he said, adding he got an earful from Albertans on them while on the Progressive Conservative leadership campaign trail this summer.

He said the government may still put the signs to use, such as affixing new information on them to deliver updates and timelines on the progress of the construction.

NDP Leader Brian Mason said that means Building Alberta will live on in some fashion.

"It sounds like (Prentice) wants to keep signs on highways, but he just wants his message on there, rather than Alison Redford," he said.

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IN DEFENCE OF

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Ever since the Wildrose Party's Lake of Fire incident, they've been my number one concern in terms of equality in Alberta. But, to quote my favourite television show Arrested Development, "I think I've made a huge mistake."

As a gay man living in Alberta, it's actually shocking to know how many times this year alone the current government has struggled with LGBTQ equality.

It all started in March, when the PCs voted down a private member's bill that would make it mandatory for Alberta schools to allow for the creation of Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs). The bill was struck down by most of the PC party, including Calgary-area MLAs Christine Cusanelli, Moe Amery, Dave Rodney, Yvonne Fritz, Linda Johnson, and Rick Fraser.

Then a few months later, PC leadership candidate Ric McIver walked in the March

for Jesus parade, whose organizers blamed gay people for last year's disastrous flood. After mustering an apology a few days later, he barely got a slap on the wrist from party president Jim McCormick. "Close-mindedness or intolerance has no place in the PCAA," McCormick said. Regardless, last week, McIver was given the Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour portfolio. So, McCormick was mad, but just not that mad.

One of the MLAs who voted in support of GSAs was former Associate Minister of Family and Community Safety, Sandra Jansen. But notice that I said "former." That's because when Jim Prentice announced his new cabinet, Jansen had been demoted to the backbench. As was fellow LGBTQ-advocate, MLA Thomas Lukaszuk, who at the same time McIver was walking in the March For Jesus, was attending a ceremony awarding Alberta's first gender-altered child birth certificate. McIver now holds Lukaszuk's cabinet post.

Then there's Bill 44. At this month's Pride Parade, I

asked Prentice why he was supporting the homophobic Section 11.1 that discriminates against LGBTQ kids, parents, and teachers. He told me that it was too complicated to be explained during the parade, which is probably true. However, it's worrisome that Premier Prentice believes that there's any sort of defense of homophobia.

Then last week, our unelected Premier named Gordon Dirks as our new unelected Minister of Education. In many respects, Dirks does have quite a bit of experience in the field of education. However, it's hard to ignore that Dirks was president of Rocky Mountain College, a private school that has policies in which it states you are required to 'abstain' from these 'practices,' including 'homosexual behaviour.'

With his announcement as Education Minister, Dirks recently put himself on leave as the Executive Pastor of the Centre Street Church, a church which has a website that equates homosexuality to bestiality, incest, and pedophilia. And since many Christians no

longer hold this view, you have to ask yourself why would Dirks continue to preach at this specific church as recently as three weeks ago. Are there not other churches where Dirks could have spoken? Do we really believe Dirks will do anything to protect LGBTQ kids, when he's led and/or held senior positions with organizations that openly discriminate against them?

Sure, your calendar might say 2014, but it seems that as far as the PCs are concerned, it might as well be 2004. That's when Premier Ralph Klein told the Calgary Sun, when the topic of same sex marriage was being debated nationally, "we're not going to do it." You have to ask yourself, how much can a party really change in 10 years?

I was mistaken in thinking the Wildrose Party were the biggest threat to equality in Alberta. As it turns out, the ones we really should be worried about are the ones already making the decisions.

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B.C. Teacher who taped 'I'm gay' to student's jacket faces suspension

The fate of an Alberta teacher is unclear after he was reprimanded by British Columbia's teaching authority for putting a sign that read "I'm gay" on a student's back.

Daniel Mark Ogloff received a two-week teaching suspension from the B.C. Commissioner of Teacher Regulation earlier this week for his actions in the September 2013 incident.

According to the ruling, Ogloff had "placed a piece of masking tape on the back of the jacket of a male Grade 11 student."

"The tape had the words 'I'm gay' written on it. Ogloff considered this to be horseplay."

The document said Ogloff allowed other students to take pictures and let the boy leave class unaware of the tape on his back.

Despite the suspension, Ogloff has been working as a teacher at Bassano School,

approximately 4 hours south of Edmonton in the Grasslands Public School district.

Grasslands trustee Vic Budz said he only just heard of Ogloff's behaviour and the incident which led to his suspension Wednesday night after media contacted the district's superintendent for comment on the ruling.

"I think, assuming what I've seen in the B.C. media, I certainly think it was an unprofessional act. It was disrespectful," said Budz. "It didn't really give consideration to the student's physical and emotional safety."

Calling the incident an "error in judgment," Budz said the district hasn't made a decision on whether Ogloff will continue as a teacher in the province and need to determine if the suspension in B.C. applies to Alberta.

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Doors Open YYC bares the city behind the scenes



Visitors explore a CBC television studio as part of a previous Doors Open YYC event. NEIL ZELLER/CONTRIBUTED

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Thirty-three local institutions — from restaurants to broadcasters to asphalt plants — will welcome visitors on Saturday and Sunday for behind-the-scenes tours, as

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Some sites are come-and-go, other sites require pre-registration. A full list of sites is available at doorsopenyyc.org.

part of the third annual Doors Open YYC.

"Almost half of the sites that we're offering this year are new," said Katie Novak, the organization's board president. "No one's ever been behind the scenes for Doors Open at these sites before."

The philosophy behind the concept — similar events take place around the world — is to give citizens the chance to better understand and appreciate the significant places that surround them.

All the tours are free.

Among the open sites will be Calgary Transit's Oliver Bowen Maintenance Facility, where visitors will be able to see how city buses and LRT cars are repaired and cleaned.

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AHS. Report reveals low worker morale among EMS workers in Alberta

Alberta Health Services is admitting the province needs more ambulances on the street, as the union for paramedics released a report citing worker morale on the decline.

The report, released Thursday from the Health Sciences Association of Alberta, found 81 per cent of Emergency Medical Service members felt employee morale was deteriorating in Alberta.

Similar concerns had been raised by HSAA in 2012 to Alberta Health Services and the minister of health, which subsequently led to recommendations outlined by the Health Quality Council of Alberta.

Yet according to HSAA president Elisabeth Ballermann, the province has fallen short on addressing members' concerns.

"We're disappointed that none of the recommendations of that report have been fully implemented to

date and that other measures have fallen by the wayside," she said. "Their efforts seem to have equated to nothing more than putting a Band-Aid on an arterial bleed."

AHS president and CEO Vickie Kaminski addressed the study Thursday, stating there is still work to be done, especially when it comes to freeing up ambulances.

"I think they do need more ambulances on the street and whether that's by freeing up personnel and ambulances that are right now tied up trying to off-load patients at emergency departments or whether it's looking at being able to provide patient transport in a different way, then I think we need to address that," she said.

Kaminski said the concerns outlined in the report are legitimate and AHS needs to consider adding more resources to the system. **LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO**

Calgary Confederation candidates pushing to get out student vote

'Amazing demographic.' Political hopefuls work hard to appeal to crowds at three post-secondary schools



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Riding a swell of student support to the polls is being touted as key in a new federal Calgary riding.

Calgary Confederation's boundaries include the University of Calgary, SAIT and the Alberta College of Art and Design.

"It has an amazing demographic of young, excited voters — of which, many are on my campaign team," said Conservative candidate Susanne DiCocco with a laugh.

She said she's been frequenting events at the U of C and discussing issues related to post-secondary education and housing for both the young



Calgary Confederation candidate Susanne DiCocco is seen with her loyal dog Otto. **JEREMY NOLAÏS/METRO**

and old in a bid to engage potential pools of untapped votes.

"It's on social media, but it's also actually getting to them and talking to them," said DiCocco, 39. "Once they're actually interested in a candidate and excited about the issues, they're on board, but it's a concerted effort."

DiCocco is facing competition for the Tory nomination in Calgary Confederation from Calgary Foothills MLA Len Webber, who recently left the provincial Tory party to sit as an independent and would have to resign his current role to run federally.

Rival parties are also eye-

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Voting for the federal Conservative candidate in Calgary Confederation runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Highwood Community Association, located at 16 Harlow Ave. N.W.

ing a potential swing of youth votes. Matt Grant, a University of Calgary law graduate and former member of the on-campus Students' Union, has already been named the Liberal contender who will square off against either DiCocco or Webber.

He said the student vote is going to be "pretty darn important," and he believes party leader Justin Trudeau has inspired youth to get involved.

"When the riding was redistributed to include the University of Calgary, it was an opportunity to engage people that we just couldn't pass up," he said.

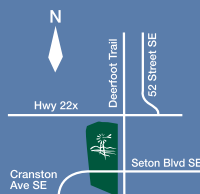
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A still image from the film *Ally Was Screaming*, screening at the Calgary Film Festival's closing gala on Sunday. CONTRIBUTED

Get ready to question your morals as film fest concludes

Calgary International Film Festival. Closing gala to feature film that challenges characters and, creator hopes, the audience as well

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Jeremy Thomas and his team were screaming with joy when his film *Ally Was Screaming* was selected for the closing gala of the Calgary International Film Festival this Sunday.

Thomas said the film is only at the start of its journey, "but what a start."

"To be recognized by your own hometown is such a boost," he said.

Sunday marks the Alberta premiere for the film, which was written and directed by Thomas, a filmmaker born and raised in Calgary.

Ally Was Screaming is about two friends struggling with their own morals when

they discover the winning lottery ticket of a friend who has just died.

"Every character in the movie has to go through a shift in morality," said Thomas.

"I hope the audience will sympathize with this shift and examine their own morality as well."

The film is a drama, with dark comedic elements throughout.

"We felt this film was not only a fantastic local film but a fantastic film overall," said Steve Schroeder, executive director of ClIFF.

"It's one of those films that will have you laughing one minute and then on the edge of your seat the next."

The closing gala takes place on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at Theatre Junction Grand.

African crowned crane

Zoo welcomes a pair of regal chicks

Two African crowned crane chicks are the latest additions to the Calgary Zoo.

The chicks hatched last week to parents Duke and Duchess, the first offspring for the pair.

They also mark the first crowned crane chicks in more than 30 years at the zoo.

"The little cranes are precious and are being carefully guarded by their parents," curator Malu Celli said in a release. "We are not certain of their sex at this stage; however, have a couple of 'royal names' in mind to keep with the regal theme when the time comes."

Parent cranes will typically keep a new family group together for about a year before the young become independent and look to form their own flock. **METRO**

Questions abound

Cops ID body found at gravel yard

Calgary police have identified the man found dead at a gravel yard Tuesday as 46-year-old Troy Michael Rawcliffe and continue to investigate the death as suspicious.

"The manner of death is still undetermined at this time, and the cause of death is being withheld pending

further investigation," police said in a release. An autopsy has been completed, but investigators still aren't sure exactly when Rawcliffe died.

His body was discovered shortly after 4 p.m. Tuesday by employees of a gravel storage facility near the intersection of Peigan Trail and Deerfoot Trail.

Police are asking anyone with information about Rawcliffe's recent movements to contact them or Crime Stoppers. **METRO**

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McGill football star charged in domestic-violence case

Luis-Andres Guimont-Mota. Running back accused of assault, uttering threats, but lawyer says he was the victim, not aggressor

The lawyer for a star McGill University football player charged in an alleged case

of domestic violence says his client was the victim and not the aggressor.

Luis-Andres Guimont-Mota, 22, was formally arraigned in Montreal on Thursday on charges of assault and uttering threats against his estranged wife. He was immediately released on \$300 bail and a host of conditions.

The third-year business management student and starting running back was ar-

rested at a downtown apartment on Wednesday morning.

By late that evening, McGill said the player in question had been immediately suspended as per the university's varsity athletics guidelines.

"What's particular in this case is my client is the victim and not the aggressor, contrary to the cases in the United States," said defence lawyer Steve Hanafi, referring

to a spate of domestic violence cases involving NFL players.

Hanafi said the university was too hasty in suspending Guimont-Mota from the football team and that he and his client would challenge the decision.

Hanafi said Guimont-Mota is considering filing a cross-complaint against his estranged wife, the alleged victim in the current case.

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Luis-Andres Guimont-Mota TWITTER

Cybersecurity. Fraud the No. 1 online crime in 2012

Statistics Canada says police reported 9,084 incidents of cyber-crime in 2012, more than half of which involved fraud.

The agency says very few online fraudsters were identified by police. About 20 per cent of cybercrimes involved threats, with suspects identified in 55 per cent of the cases.

About 16 per cent of re-

ported cybercrimes involved sexual matters, including luring and child porn. Police identified suspects in 31 per cent of cyber-related sexual violations and laid charges in 25 per cent of the incidents.

Overall, there were 33 cybercrimes reported for every 100,000 in the population.

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Newborn health. Canada to help set up global fund

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has announced that Canada will contribute to a new international fund to prevent maternal and newborn deaths.

He and representatives of several national governments announced their plans to help set up a \$4-billion US fund, to be run by the World Bank.

The Global Financing Facil-

ity will aim to get private-sector money as well to help reduce mortality rates, and to create better information-gathering systems to track progress.

Harper made the announcement at the UN, pledging \$200 million in Canadian money, which will flow from the \$3.5 billion he promised earlier this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Pupils picket proposal to prioritize patriotism over protest

Students line a busy intersection and overpass in Littleton, Colo., Thursday, to protest a school board proposal to emphasize patriotism and downplay civil unrest in the teaching of U.S. history. Hundreds of students walked out of class Thursday in the fourth straight day of protests. BRENNAN LINSLEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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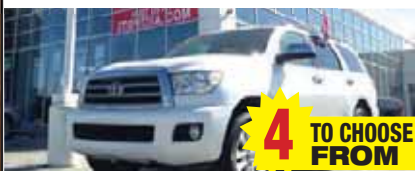
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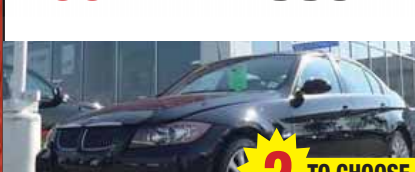
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345 migrants rescued from boat refuse to leave Cyprus cruise ship

Standoff at sea. Cruise line director says the 345 aboard, apparent Syrian refugees, are insisting that they be taken to Italy

More than 300 people, apparent refugees fleeing from Syria, refused to leave a cruise ship that rescued them from a small boat stranded off Cyprus, a cruise line official said Thursday.

Salamis Cruise Lines Managing Director Kikis Vasiliou said that the people are insisting that they be taken to Italy instead.

"They want us to send them to Italy," Vasiliou told reporters at the east Mediterranean island's main Limassol port. "The authorities, they have to decide what they want to do."

Vasiliou blamed Cypriot authorities for keeping him in the dark about how they intend to resolve the situation.

Cypriot officials said that the 345 people, including 52 children, were to be taken to a reception centre near the capital Nicosia where they would be given shelter and medical attention until authorities determine what will happen to them.



Medical staff wait at Cyprus' main port of Limassol for 345 people to disembark from a cruise ship that rescued them from a stranded, smaller boat off the southwestern coast of the east Mediterranean island, Thursday.

PETROS KARADJIAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dozens of civil defence officials, medical staff and police were waiting at dockside to receive the people after the cruise ship had docked. A small group did disembark from the ship to negotiate

with authorities, Vasiliou said, but talks broke off with the group returning to the ship.

But several adults holding small children were seen leaving the cruise ship, with

one man led away by police in handcuffs.

A man later came on the cruise ship's public address system to urge the group to disembark through an Arabic-speaking interpreter by

Council vote

UN rights body to share Syria war crimes evidence

The UN Human Rights Council has voted overwhelmingly to share its evidence of Syrian atrocities in hopes it will be forwarded to the world's war crimes tribunal.

By a vote of 32-5, with 10 abstentions, the 47-nation council adopted the resolution Thursday strongly condemning lack of co-operation by President Bashar Assad's government with a UN commission investigating alleged rights violations since March 2011 in Syria, whether by

the government or the opposition or the Islamic State group that controls broad areas along the Syria-Iraq border.

The resolution emphasizes that The Hague-based International Criminal Court can play an "important role" if the United Nations agrees to send it the commission's findings on war crimes and crimes against humanity allegedly being committed in Syria.

Meanwhile, U.S.-led airstrikes targeted Syrian oil installations held by the extremist Islamic State group overnight and early Thursday, killing at least 19 people as more families of militants left their key stronghold, fearing further raids, activists said.

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telling them that authorities would do all they can to send those who met the criteria to other European countries.

The people were packed aboard a small vessel that issued a distress call early Thursday amid rough seas and high winds some 50 nautical miles off Cyprus' southwestern coastal town of Paphos.

The Cypriot Defence Min-

istry said the boat had "most likely" set sail from Syria loaded with "civilian refugees."

Vasiliou said his company received the request from Cypriot Search and Rescue authorities to assist in the rescue operation Thursday morning while the cruise ship was returning to Cyprus from the Greek islands.

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A confidential Red Cross investigation concluded in 28 recommendations to help various "protection gaps" in immigration detention centres. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Red Cross identifies numerous immigration detention concerns

Investigation. Among problems cited by group is lack of support for detained children

A confidential Red Cross investigation found numerous shortcomings at Canadian facilities for immigrant detainees including triple-bunked cells, lack of support for detained children and inadequate mental-health care.

In addition, because there are no dedicated immigration cells in many parts of the country, newcomers are often held in provincial jails or police facilities alongside suspected gang members and violent offenders, says the Canadian Red Cross Society's inspection report.

Through an agreement with the Canada Border Services Agency, the independent humanitarian organization monitors the treatment and conditions of people detained in Canada under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

The border agency holds people who are considered a flight risk or a danger to the public, and those whose identities cannot be confirmed.

The Red Cross makes 28 recommendations to help close various "protection gaps" noted by inspectors during 63 visits to facilities in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia. In many cases the problems constituted a failure to comply with national or international standards.

The organization makes a confidential annual report to the border agency, which released the findings for 2012-13 under the Access to Information Act.

Agency spokesman Pierre Deveau said a number of steps have been taken to address the Red Cross's concerns. However, he did not provide details and refused to make anyone available to discuss the report.

In the House of Commons, NDP public safety critic Randall Garrison said Thursday that thousands of immigrants are being kept in deplorable conditions. He asked whether Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney would "take his responsibilities seriously" and make sure the Red Cross recommendations are fully implemented.

Immigration Minister Chris Alexander responded but did not answer the question. He insisted the conditions in detention centres across Canada "meet the highest international standards." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Arrest

Priest accused of sexual tourism

A U.S. priest accused of travelling to Honduras to engage in sex with children while promoting missionary work with the poor has been arrested by federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials.

The Rev. Joseph Maurizio Jr. was arrested Thursday and will remain in custody until a hearing Monday before a federal magistrate. The judge must decide then whether the priest will remain jailed until he can stand trial.

Maurizio also faces a child porn charge. His attorney hasn't returned a call seeking comment.

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Buried alive?

Worker claims woman revived after burial

Police in Greece are investigating a cemetery worker's testimony that a woman revived in her grave after being buried and called for help, only to die before she could be extracted.

Police officials say the man and two people visiting the cemetery said they heard banging and a call from inside the cancer patient's grave late Thursday, an hour after her funeral.

By the time the coffin was dug up and smashed open, the woman showed no further signs of life. A doctor summoned to Peraia cemetery outside Thessaloniki pronounced her dead.

The mother of two had been declared dead at a private clinic early Thursday. A coroner will examine the body. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Just 'digging around' in N. Korean prison

Matthew Miller. U.S. man sentenced to six years of hard labour says he mostly does agricultural work

An American man recently sentenced by North Korea to six years of hard labour says he

is digging in fields eight hours a day and being kept in isolation, but that so far his health isn't deteriorating.

Under close guard and with only enough time to answer one question, 24-year-old Matthew Miller spoke briefly to The Associated Press at a Pyongyang hotel where he had been brought to call his family.

It was his first appearance since he was convicted Sept.

14 of entering the country illegally to commit espionage.

"Prison life is eight hours of work per day. Mostly it's been agriculture, like in the dirt, digging around," Miller said when asked what conditions were like in prison.

"Other than that, it's isolation, no contact with anyone. But I have been in good health, and no sickness or no hurts," he said, showing

little emotion.

At Miller's 90-minute trial, North Korea's Supreme Court said Miller tore up his tourist visa upon arriving in Pyongyang on April 10 and declared his ambition to experience prison life so he could secretly investigate North Korea's human rights situation.

Miller is one of three Americans detained in North Korea. Jeffrey Fowle, who was arrested

in May for leaving a Bible at a sailor's club, is expected to be tried in court soon. Kenneth Bae was sentenced in 2013 to 15 years of hard labour.

Last week, Robert King, the U.S. special envoy for North Korean human rights issues, said Pyongyang has not accepted American offers to send a high-level envoy to seek release of the three men.

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ISIS beheading videos

Masked man's identity possibly known by U.S.

The U.S. believes it has identified the British-accented masked man in the videos depicting the beheadings of two American journalists and a British aid worker, the FBI director says.

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Post-9/11 illnesses

Ex-firefighters with FDNY die within hours of each other

Three retired firefighters who worked at Ground Zero have died on the same day from illnesses related to the 9/11 attacks, fire officials said Thursday.

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Britain may join ISIS fight

A demonstrator bangs a drum at an anti-war demonstration near Downing Street in London on Thursday. During his address to the UN General Assembly, U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron said he will ask Parliament to approve joining international airstrikes against ISIS.

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California

Woman punched by officer settles for \$1.5 million

A woman punched repeatedly by a California Highway Patrol officer on the side of a freeway in an incident caught on video July 1 by a passing driver will receive \$1.5 million US in a settlement, and the officer has agreed to resign.

Marlene Pinnock, diagnosed with bipolar disorder, had been off her medication for two to three months before the altercation.

The bulk of the settlement will take the form of a special-needs trust for Pinnock, the CHP said.

Officer Daniel Andrew, who joined the CHP in 2012, has been on paid administrative leave since the incident. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Toronto

Doctors cleared of drugging, sexually assaulting woman

Two Toronto doctors accused of drugging and sexually assaulting a medical student in 2011 in a hotel room after a night of drinking and dancing at a Toronto club have been found not guilty.

Justice Julie Thorburn

said while it was agreed that Dr. Amitabh Chauhan and Dr. Suganthan Kayilasanathan had a "sexual encounter" with the woman, she was not satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that the woman was drugged and did not consent to the encounter.

Both doctors told reporters they looked forward to moving on with their lives.

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Winnipeg police confirm officers had contact with Tina Fontaine a day before the 15-year-old girl was last seen alive. WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Officers saw missing girl day before she disappeared

Tina Fontaine.

Winnipeg police are looking into why the 15-year-old was not taken into custody

Running away

Tina Fontaine had spent much of her life with her great-aunt, Thelma Favel, on the Sagkeeng First Nation, 75 kilometres north-east of Winnipeg.

- She had a history of running away and went to Winnipeg about a month before her death to visit her biological mother.

Winnipeg police confirmed Thursday that two officers came across Tina Fontaine the day before she disappeared and one week before her body was pulled from the Red River. Fontaine, 15, was in a vehicle police pulled over on Aug. 8, more than a week after she was reported missing, but she was not taken into custody.

Police set up a news conference to respond to a report from CTV that said Fontaine was a passenger in a vehicle along with a man who was arrested on suspicion of being impaired. "The two officers have been reassigned to non-operational duties," police Chief Devon Clunis said.

Fontaine's great-aunt, Thelma Favel, said Thursday social workers told her that on the night of Aug. 8 — which would be a few hours after police came across Fon-

taine — Fontaine had passed out in an alley downtown and paramedics took her to a nearby hospital. "They kept her there for about three or four hours until she sobered up a little bit and then (social workers) picked her up from the hospital." That appears to have been the last time she was seen alive.

Child and Family Services has launched an internal investigation into the case as well, but Favel is not expecting anything will change. She said she has received a \$500 bill in the mail for Fontaine's ambulance ride to the hospital. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Napoleon, left, and Antosia at a zoo in Poznan, Poland, in 2010. JOANNA PIECHOROWSKA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Donkey couple reunited amid brou-hee-haw

Poland. Citizens outraged after public love-making at zoo caused Napoleon, Antosia to be separated

Napoleon is now back with his Antosia.

The two amorous donkeys who were separated because of an outcry over their love-making have been reunited at a zoo in Poland.

The couple, together for 10 years, got into trouble when mothers expressed outrage that children had to witness their mating. Local conservative of-

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"Animals separated by sex into different cages? It's complete idiocy."

Stefan Niesiolowski, lawmaker with the Polish governing party, Civic Platform

ficial Lydia Dudziak took up their cause and persuaded the director of the zoo in Poznan to have the animals put in separate pens.

The zoo acknowledged making a mistake Thursday and said the donkeys are again in one pen after about a week apart. "It was never our inten-

tion for any animals to feel uncomfortable because of their natural behaviours," the zoo said in a statement.

The interruption of the long-standing romance turned into a national news item in Poland in the past days. Nearly 7,000 people signed a petition to have them reunited.

Experts weighed in, saying the separation could hurt their psychological well-being. Politicians were asked about it on the country's leading news programs.

In their decade together, Napoleon and Antosia have produced six offspring.

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Germany

Gambler saved from prison by a one-armed bandit

Police said Thursday that two officers carrying out routine checks at an arcade in Bochum, Germany, late last week discovered that a man playing a slot machine faced an arrest warrant.

He had been ordered to pay a 710-euro (\$1,005) fine or go to prison for 71 days after resisting police during a previous incident.

Police said that as officers informed the man that he faced arrest, the slot machine started to flash and the 37-year-old won a jackpot of 1,000 euros. The man paid his fine on the spot — in cash.

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Anchorage

Earthquake shakes Alaska

A powerful earthquake shook up a large swath of Alaska Thursday, including the state's largest city.

The Alaska Earthquake Center said the quake had a 6.2 magnitude. No immediate damage or injury was reported. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Nigeria. 'Traumatized' Chibok schoolgirl released by kidnappers, police say

Nigerian's Islamic extremists have freed one of the kidnapped Chibok schoolgirls, Nigerian police reported Thursday, but a community leader says she's too traumatized to identify herself properly.

Hundreds of girls, women and boys have been kidnapped by Boko Haram fighters in the past year but the abduction of more than 270 schoolgirls and young women from a school in the remote northeastern town of Chibok in April inspired a worldwide campaign for their freedom.

More than 50 girls escaped by themselves at the scene or soon after and now 219 remain missing. The failure by the Nigerian government and military to rescue them has brought international condemnation.

Police spokesman Emmanuel Ojukwu told reporters that on Wednesday "a girl, 20 years of age, among the abducted Chibok girls was dropped off by suspected Boko Haram militants at Mubi," a town in

northeast Adamawa state.

"The information we have is that she is one of the abducted girls," he said.

But Chibok community leader Pogu Bitrus said he spoke to the young woman by phone and that the name she gave is not on the list of missing girls. "She is mentally traumatized, not coherent at all," he said.

He has asked security forces to send him a photograph so that parents may look at it and her image can be compared with a database of photographs of the missing students.

Bitrus also worried that "it could be a trick by Boko Haram to release another girl just to create a diversion."

The news comes two days after a false report that the military had custody of several of the girls kidnapped from Chibok. That was caused by confusion in reports after soldiers found some of the girls who had escaped early on, on a bus on the way to a school in the north. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



An image taken from video by Nigeria's Boko Haram terrorist network, shows the alleged missing girls abducted from Chibok. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE**

Kenya. Nurse receives a death sentence in botched-abortion case

A Kenyan court has sentenced a 41-year-old nurse to death for assisting a young woman to get an abortion which killed her.

A judge ruled Thursday that Jackson Namunya Tali was guilty of murdering Christine Atieno, who bled to death following a botched abortion in July 2009.

The judge ruled that "the accused person killed two people" and should "suffer

death."

Abortion is a highly divisive subject in this socially conservative East African country.

Abortions are illegal under current law, but hundreds of thousands of women still seek them each year.

The existing law, however, does allow a doctor to perform an abortion if a woman's life is in danger.

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Sierra Leone amps up efforts to control Ebola

Quarantine. Hard-hit Sierra Leone confines third of its population as deadly outbreak continues to spread

Sierra Leone on Thursday took the dramatic step of sealing off districts where more than 1 million people live as it and two other West African countries struggle to control an Ebola outbreak that has claimed thousands of lives.

With three new districts under quarantine, about one-third of Sierra Leone's 6 million people are now living in areas where their movements are heavily restricted.

In parts of Sierra Leone and in neighbouring Liberia where these cordons have been used in this outbreak, food prices have soared, some markets have shut and the delivery of goods has slowed.

"There is a desperate need to step up our response to this dreaded disease," the Sierra Leone government said. "The prognosis is that without additional interventions or changes in community behaviour, the numbers will increase exponentially and the situation will rapidly deteriorate."

A sharp increase of cases in the capital is driving the outbreak's spread in Sierra Leone, the World Health Organization said Thursday, also noting that the three dis-



Healthcare workers spray each other with disinfectant after working inside a morgue with people suspecting of dying from the Ebola virus, in Kenema, Sierra Leone. **TANYA BINDRA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

More in the fight against the Ebola virus

- A Spanish priest diagnosed with the Ebola virus while working in Sierra Leone has died at a Madrid hospital.
- Manuel Garcia Viejo is the second Spanish missionary to fall victim to the deadly virus.
- Meanwhile, American aid worker Rick Sacra, who contracted Ebola in Africa, was released Thursday from a Nebraska hospital.
- Lawmakers in the U.S. Congress have approved the use of leftover Afghanistan war money to fight Ebola in West Africa.
- Canada, which has already contributed \$5 million to fight the outbreak, announced Thursday it will contribute another \$30 million.

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Navajo reach \$554M deal with U.S. feds

The Navajo Nation is poised to receive \$554 million from the federal government over mismanagement of tribal resources in the largest settlement of its kind for an American Indian tribe.

Much of the land on the 69,930-square-kilometre reservation has been leased for things like farming, grazing, oil and gas development, mining and housing. The leases once were largely overseen by the government, which mismanaged the revenue and failed to properly invest and account for it, according to the tribe.

U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is scheduled to visit Window Rock on Friday and formally recognize the settle-

ment.

"The Navajo Nation is excited to host the signing ceremony on Friday," Tribal President Ben Shelly said in a statement. "The trust litigation has been a protracted battle and in the end, it was a victory for tribal sovereignty."

The tribe agreed to settle the case earlier this year but was awaiting signatures from federal agencies before the deal could be finalized. The Navajo Nation originally sought \$900 million when the lawsuit was filed in 2006.

Public meetings will be held to ask Navajos how they think the money should be spent, Navajo Nation Council Delegate Lorenzo Curley said. The

first meeting is scheduled for October. Already, tribal members have suggested that it be set aside for future generations or used for business development, he said.

Andrew Sandler, one of the Navajo Nation's attorneys on the case, said the tribe has taken on much of the responsibility for leasing on its land. If further disputes arise with the federal government, the settlement outlines a process to resolve them.

"This was viewed as an appropriate and respectful settlement where the federal government acknowledged its responsibility and acted in an honourable way," Sandler said.

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Students ride home from Monument Valley High School in Monument Valley, Utah. **RICK EGAN/THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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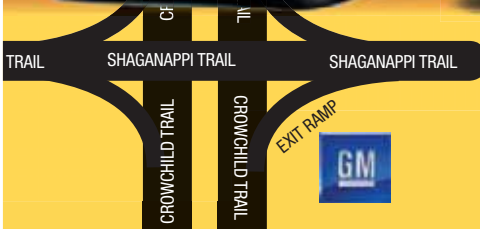
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Ferguson. Brown's body lay on street too long, police chief admits

The police chief in the St. Louis suburb where an officer fatally shot an unarmed 18-year-old last month released a video Thursday apologizing to the family and the community, acknowledging that Michael Brown's body remained in the street for too long after he was killed.

The video featuring Ferguson police Chief Tom Jackson was released on the same day Brown's parents were in Washington pressing for a federal investigation into the shooting. A state grand jury

Video released

Michael Brown, who was black, was fatally shot Aug. 9 during a confrontation with a white police officer.

- Brown's body remained in the street for more than four hours.

is considering whether criminal charges are warranted.

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Seen as successor

Cartel leader's nephew acquitted

A Mexican court has ordered the release of the nephew of deceased Sinaloa drug cartel leader Ignacio Coronel because of procedural violations. Officials had portrayed the man as his

uncle's likely successor.

At the time of Beltran Coronel's arrest in May 2011, Mexico's Defence Department said he had taken over after his uncle died in a shootout with troops in 2010, overseeing trafficking from South America through western Mexico.

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U.S. attorney general steps down after six years



Attorney General Eric Holder, the first black U.S. attorney general, resigns Thursday after six years on the job. EVAN VUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Friend of Obama. 'You have been there for me,' he tells president

It wasn't difficult for Barack Obama and Eric Holder to be in the same orbit.

Both were sons of immigrants, Columbia Ivy Leaguers, basketball fans and prominent African-American political figures.

They first met nearly 10 years ago, dinner guests of a mutual Washington friend who seated Holder next to the newly elected senator from Illinois.

On Thursday, Obama announced Holder would be stepping down as his attorney general, one of his longest serving Cabinet members. "This is bittersweet," the president said.

Holder, who will stay until his successor is confirmed by the Senate, was at his side.

"In good times and in bad, in things personal and in things professional, you have been there for me," he told Obama.

Indeed, over the course of six years on the job, Holder has had his ups and downs. He also has become a rare figure: a close Washington friend of the president.

As attorney general, Holder aggressively enforced the Voting Rights Act, addressed drug-sentencing guidelines that led to disparities between white and black convicts, extended legal benefits to same-sex couples and refused to defend a law that allowed states to disregard gay marriages.

While his enforcement of civil rights laws and fight against voter ID laws made him a champion of civil rights groups, they also made him a top target of conservatives, who said he put race at the forefront and endangered the integrity of elections.

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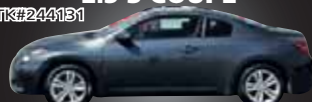
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Iraq. ISIS militants torture, publicly execute female human rights lawyer: UN

Militants with the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) tortured and then publicly killed a human rights lawyer in the Iraqi city of Mosul after their self-proclaimed religious court ruled that she had abandoned Islam, the UN mission in Iraq said Thursday.

Gunmen with the group's newly declared police force seized Samira Salih al-Nuaimi last week in a northeastern district of Mosul while she was home with her husband and three children, two people with direct knowledge of the incident told The Associated Press. Al-Nuaimi was taken to a secret location. After about five days, the family was called by the morgue to retrieve her corpse, which bore signs of torture, the two people said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

According to the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq, her arrest was allegedly connected to Facebook messages she posted that were critical of the militants' destruction of religious sites in Mosul. A

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"They will kill anyone with a voice. It is terrifying."

Hanaa Edwar, Iraqi human rights activist, on ISIS militants

statement by the UN on Thursday added that al-Nuaimi was tried in a so-called Sharia court for apostasy, after which she was tortured for five days before the militants sentenced her to public execution. Her Facebook page appears to have been removed since her death.

Al-Nuaimi's death is the latest in a string of attacks by the militant group to silence female activists and politicians.

Hanaa Edwar, a prominent Iraqi human rights activist, said at least five female political activists have been killed in recent weeks by ISIS in Mosul, including al-Nuaimi, who Edwar said was also running for a seat on the provincial council.

"They will kill anyone with a voice," said Edwar. "It is terrifying." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Alleged plot

Iraqi PM claims ISIS plans to bomb New York and Paris

Iraq's prime minister said Thursday that captured Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) militants have told Iraqi intelligence agents of an alleged plot to attack subways in the United States and Paris, but French and American officials said they had no such information.

A senior Obama administration official said no one in

the U.S. government is aware of such a plot, adding that the claim was never brought up in meetings with Iraqi officials this week in New York.

A half-dozen French officials contacted said they knew of no plot.

Initially Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi was quoted as saying "yes" when asked if an attack was imminent. A review of his remarks established that he actually said, "I'm not sure."

He said that the attack threat had not been thwarted. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

UAE's first female fighter pilot leads airstrikes on ISIS

Syria. United Arab Emirates ambassador calls Maj. Mariam al-Mansouri 'highly trained (and) combat ready'

The first female air force pilot in the United Arab Emirates led airstrikes against Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) militants in Syria earlier this week, the federation's ambassador to Washington said on Thursday as he pledged his country will do "whatever is necessary" to defeat the militant group.

Social media has been buzzing with rumours that F-16 pilot Maj. Mariam al-Mansouri played a part in attacks against the jihadist group, with many users taking delight in the rebuke it implied toward the militants' ultraconservative ideology.

Ambassador Yousef al-Otaiba's comments were the first public confirmation of her role.

"She is a fully qualified, highly trained, combat-ready pilot, and she led the mission," al-Otaiba said during an appearance on American cable channel MSNBC's Morning Joe.

The Emirates, a seven-state federation that includes the capital of Abu Dhabi and the Mideast commercial hub of Dubai, is one of five Arab countries that have joined the U.S.-led coalition carrying out the airstrikes in Syria.

Emirati leaders have taken steps to raise the status of women in the oil-rich country, which has modernized rapidly since its formation in 1971 and is now home to a cosmopolitan blend of foreign businesspeople, expatri-

ate professionals and low-paid migrant workers who together far outnumber the local population.

Al-Otaiba linked al-Mansouri's role to the campaign to defeat ISIS.

"Do you want a model or a society that allows women to become ministers in government, female fighter pilots, business executives, artists? Or do you want a

society where if a woman doesn't cover up in public she's beaten or she's lashed or she's raped? This is ultimately what this breaks down to," he said.

It is important that moderate Arab and Muslim nations take a stand against ISIS militants, al-Otaiba said, describing the group as "a threat to our way of life."

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Mariam al-Mansouri, the first Emirati female fighter jet pilot, gives the thumbs-up as she sits in the cockpit of an aircraft in United Arab Emirates in 2013. EMIRATES NEWS AGENCY/WAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Lift off! U.S.-Russia crew successfully launched to space station mission

A U.S.-Russian space crew has blasted off successfully for the International Space Station.

The Russian Soyuz-TMA14M spacecraft lifted off as scheduled at 4:25 p.m. on Thursday from the Russian-leased Baikonur launch facility in Kazakhstan. It's carrying NASA astronaut Barry Wilmore along with Russians Alexander Samokutyaev and Elena Serova for a six-month stint at the station.

The Soyuz entered a designated orbit in about 10 minutes after the launch. It is set to dock at the orbiting outpost in about six hours after the launch, joining an international crew of three currently manning the station. Serova is making her first space mission, while Wilmore and Samokutyaev have already flown to space.

Serova is the first Russian woman to fly to space since 1997, and the fourth woman in the history of the Soviet and Russian space programs. Val-

entina Tereshkova became the first woman in space in 1963.

Since the retirement of the U.S. space shuttle fleet in 2011, Russian Soyuz spacecraft have served as the only means to ferry crew to and from the space outpost, the latest price tag being \$71 million per seat.

Earlier this month, NASA made a major step toward ending the period of expensive dependence on Russian spacecraft, picking Boeing and SpaceX to transport astronauts to the station in the next few years. The California-based SpaceX, led by billionaire Elon Musk, has indicated its seats will cost \$20 million apiece. NASA has set a goal of 2017 for the first launch from Cape Canaveral.

SpaceX is already using its unmanned Dragon capsule to deliver supplies to the space station, and is developing its manned version.

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The Soyuz TMA-14M space ship blasts off Thursday at the Russian-leased Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. It's carrying a new crew to the International Space Station. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mars pics delight India's PM, people

Historic achievement.

Nation celebrates rare feat of sending spacecraft to orbit red planet

India's space agency released the first image of the crater-scarred and dry surface of Mars taken by the nation's first interplanetary spacecraft after it began orbiting the red planet.

The image released Thursday was taken when the Martian Orbiter Mission, or MOM, was about 7,300 kilometres from the planet's surface, according to the Indian Space and Research Organisation. The digital data took at least 12 minutes to reach Earth.

The image fills the frame and shows dry land pockmarked by craters, with the smallest discernible detail covering an area about 376 metres wide.

Space agency scientists released the image after bringing it to New Delhi to show to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who had spent Wednesday morning witnessing the satellite's last manoeuvres into orbit from the space agency's Mars command centre in the southern city of Bangalore.

"The view is nice up here,"



This is one of the first images of Mars taken by India's Mars Orbiter Mission satellite. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

scientists tweeted under a special mission profile, @MarsOrbiter, which has gained more than 99,000 followers since being set up on Tuesday.

Modi responded through his Twitter feed: "Yes, I agree @MarsOrbiter, the view is indeed nice up there!"

The satellite will spend the next six months on an elliptical orbit — coming as close as 365 kilometres and swinging out to 80,000 kilometres at its farthest — as it collects scientific data on the Martian atmosphere.

India was enthralled with

What about NASA?

NASA on Sunday had its own success in placing its Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution mission, or MAVEN, in orbit around the planet. There are two other NASA satellites and one ESA craft also now orbiting Mars, while two NASA rovers are on the surface.

the mission's success. Indian newspapers on Thursday ran front-page stories and two-page spreads detailing the mission. Museums opened special educational exhibitions. Indian celebrities and politicians commended the rare feat, which only the U.S., former Soviet Union and European Space Agency have succeeded at before.

The U.S. space agency NASA's administrator, Charles Bolden, congratulated the Indian scientists in a statement Wednesday.

"It was an impressive engineering feat, and we welcome India to the family of nations studying another facet of the Red Planet. We look forward to MOM adding to the knowledge the international community is gathering with the other spacecraft at Mars," the statement said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Orphaned moose. Calf without its mother after Wyoming park accident

Photographers and wildlife watchers in Grand Teton National Park have been getting too close to moose during mating season, likely contributing to the death of an agitated cow moose near the Gros Ventre campground, park officials said.

Park spokeswoman Jackie Skaggs said the combination of a rutting bull moose, park visitors and photographers led an agitated cow moose to run, stumble over a picnic table and land in a fire grate, where her hind leg was nearly severed. Rangers euthanized the female

moose Wednesday morning. She left behind a yearling calf.

"The calf was not injured in the commotion during this crush of people, but we're not sure whether the calf will survive the winter without her mother," Skaggs said.

Retired U.S. Forest Service ranger Anne Huebner of Idaho, who had been staying at the campground, said people were getting too close to the animals. People are prohibited from getting closer than 25 yards to a moose. The limit is 100 yards for bear and wolves.

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Detroit

Canadian turtle smuggler charged

A Canadian man has been charged after border agents at the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel said they found more than 50 turtles strapped to his body and hidden between

his legs.

The Detroit News reported that Kai Xu was charged Wednesday with smuggling, illegal trading and exporting. He appeared in federal court in Detroit on Thursday.

Authorities found the turtles after Xu's SUV re-crossed the border and was stopped in Windsor. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

\$80K in frozen chicken deserted at truck stop



An Idaho truck driver abandoned his delivery truck after his employer refused to pay him more money. The cargo of 37,000 pounds of chicken, worth about \$80,000, was left sitting rancid at a Montana truck stop at least three days.

MARTIN KIDSTON/THE MISSOULIAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Abandoned trailer.

Sitting at least three days, juices of 37,000 pounds of rotting chicken dripped along Montana truck stop's parking lot

A truck dripping rancid juices from thousands of pounds of rotting chicken sat in the heat attracting flies Thursday at a western Montana truck stop, where an Idaho trucking company employee abandoned it at least three days earlier.

The driver left the trailer containing approximately 37,000 pounds of frozen chicken near the Flying J Truck Stop west of Missoula after the company refused his requests for more money, authorities said. The chicken was worth \$80,000.

The truck was discovered

Tuesday, though it's unclear how long it had been there.

The driver reportedly texted Dixie River Freight Inc. several times, saying he needed more money. When the company refused to pay him until he delivered the load, he apparently abandoned the trailer at the truck stop, according to police in Nampa, Idaho.

On Thursday, the trailer was surrounded by sawhorses, crime scene tape and flies at the truck stop as temperatures threatened to reach 90 F (32 C) for a second straight day.

Alisha Johnson with the Missoula City-County Health Department said Dixie River's insurance company was responsible for cleaning the mess. She added they'll either have to prepare a landfill to receive the load, or they can freeze the trailer.

Nampa police are searching for the truck driver but had not released any information by early Thursday afternoon.

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Most dangerous phase of conflict now over: Ukrainian president

Kyiv news conference. Poroshenko working to arrange a meeting with Putin, contingent on cease-fire

Ukraine's leader said Thursday that "the most dangerous part of the war" has passed and that the conflict with pro-Russia separatists in the country's east is on the wane. Artillery fire, however, still rang out in the region's largest city.

In a news conference in Kyiv outlining a six-year plan for Ukraine, Petro Poroshenko said: "I have no doubt whatsoever that my peace plan will work and that the main and most dangerous part of the war is behind."

Poroshenko's plan includes reforming all major government agencies in the country. The president said he hoped

those reforms would make the country ready for membership in the European Union by 2020.

But Poroshenko spent much of the news conference fielding questions about a conflict in the east of the country, where fighting between government and rebel forces has killed at least 3,500 people since mid-April. His peace proposal, which was laid out soon after he became president in June, were the foundation for agreements this month aimed at ending the fighting.

The first step was a cease-fire called three weeks ago that in the beginning was repeatedly violated. In recent days, reports of violations have decreased notably, although on Thursday the city council of Donetsk, the largest rebel stronghold in the region, said that artillery fire and other explosions could be heard throughout the city during the day.

Poroshenko also said he is

working to arrange a meeting within the next few weeks with Russian President Vladimir Putin, but stressed it was contingent on whether the cease-fire was implemented or not.

Poroshenko, who has been at pains to justify striking a deal with the Russia-backed rebels, spent much of the news conference defending his decision to sign a peace agreement with the insurgents and said he believed Russian policy toward Ukraine had turned a corner.

"At the beginning, Russia's objective was clear," he said. "Certain people in the Kremlin administration thought Ukraine was a giant with feet of clay. They thought they could just push us, and the entire southeast of the country would dissipate.... I would sincerely like to believe that the relation of Russia (toward Ukraine) and their plans are changing — there has been a kind of transformation." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



A Pro-Russian rebel guards a checkpoint in the town of Donetsk, eastern Ukraine, Thursday. Ukraine's prime minister on Wednesday urged countries not to lift sanctions against Russia until his country regains control over its entire territory, including Crimea. DARKO VOJINOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Arab bid to pressure Israel on nukes fails

An Arab-backed resolution singling out Israel for special attention over its alleged nuclear arsenal was defeated Thursday at an annual conference of the UN atomic agency.

Nations meeting at the International Atomic Energy Agency's general conference voted 58-45 against the resolution, while 27 abstained.

Backed by 18 Arab states, including Syria, the resolution

expressed concern "about the Israeli nuclear capabilities," urging Israel to join the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and put its nuclear facilities under international oversight. Israel is overwhelmingly considered to possess nuclear arms but declines to confirm it.

It was the second consecutive year that a resolution seeking to censure Israel was put to a vote and defeated at

the IAEA meeting.

Introducing the resolution in Vienna, Kuwaiti Ambassador Sadiq Marafi criticized what he called Israel's "provocative and aggressive attitude" and described the country as "the only obstacle on a way to create a nuclear weapon-free zone in the Middle East."

The U.S. opposed the resolution. U.S. envoy Laura

Kennedy said it "lessens confidence among the regional parties and diminishes the prospect for constructive dialogue."

Separately, the conference voted 117-0, with 13 abstentions, in favour of a resolution submitted by Egypt that called on "all states in the region" to join the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

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Mexican activists push for ban

Paper hand prints painted red as a protest against bullfighting rest at the entrance activists are pressuring the government to ban bullfights in Mexico City.

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Trooper fired shows driver

Charged with assault and battery. South Carolina trooper could be jailed for up to 20 years if convicted

A South Carolina state trooper's dashboard video shows an unarmed driver being shot just seconds after he was stopped for a seatbelt offence — and the trooper, who was fired last week, has now been charged with assault.

As Levar Jones cried in pain waiting for an ambulance, he repeated one question: "Why did you shoot me?"

Jones' painful groans and then-Trooper Sean Groubert's reply — "Well you dove head first back into your car" — were captured by the camera.

Jones was stopped Sept. 4 as he pulled into a convenience store. With the camera recording, Groubert pulls up without his siren on as Jones is getting out of his vehicle to go into the store.

"Can I see your license please?" Groubert asks.

As Jones turns and reaches back into his car, Groubert shouts, "Get outa the car, get outa the car." He begins firing before he has finished the second sentence. There is a third shot as Jones staggers

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to the Mexico City Legislative Assembly during a demonstration on Thursday. The

after video being shot

away, backing up with his hands raised, and then a fourth. From the first shot to the fourth, the video clicks off three seconds.

Jones' wallet can be seen flying out of his hands as he raises them.

Police officers are rarely charged in South Carolina. In August, a prosecutor refused to file criminal charges against a deputy who shot a 70-year-old man after mistaking his cane for a shotgun during an after-dark traffic stop.

Jones is recovering after being shot in the hip. He released a statement last week saying he hopes his shooting leads to changes in how police officers treat suspects.

This isn't the first time the 31-year-old Groubert fired his service weapon. In August 2012, Groubert and another trooper chased a man who drove away from a traffic stop and fired at the suspect after he shot first, according to the Highway Patrol. The suspect was convicted of attempted murder and is spending 20 years in prison.

Groubert was awarded the agency's Medal of Valor Award for his actions in protecting the public.

So far in 2014 in South Carolina, police have shot at suspects 35 times, killing 16 of them, according to the State Law Enforcement Division.

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Water supply

Woman takes Ontario to court over fluoridation

A woman has launched a lawsuit against the province of Ontario and Peel Region, challenging the constitutionality of adding fluoride to municipal drinking water.

In a statement of claim filed Thursday in Bramp-

ton, Ont., Liesa Cianchino claims risks posed by water fluoridation greatly exceed its benefits. Cianchino further claims water fluoridation violates the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Ontario Safe Drinking Water Act.

Her claims argue that fluoride works topically on the teeth and that nothing is gained by ingesting it through drinking water.

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Ontario

Watchdog clears cops in takedown of stabbing suspect

Ontario's police watchdog says there are no grounds to charge Hamilton, Ont., police officers involved in a takedown in which a stabbing suspect was Tasered multiple times, shot with rubber bullets and pepper sprayed.

The Special Investigations Unit says police were responding to reports a man had stabbed several people in various units of an apartment building on the night of March 8.

Officers surrounded the 27-year-old suspect outside a nearby pizza shop and ordered him to drop his knife, and shot him with a conducted energy weapon when he refused to comply.

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Gold adds new shine to solar power

Big energy boost.

Scientists say gold molecule increases solar cell performance by more than 10%

Tired of your cellphone's low-battery light blinking as you stand helpless on a downtown corner?

Giovanni Fanchini says he has the fix.

Fanchini and other Western University scientists have turned 144 atoms of gold into a molecule that's proven to increase solar cell performance by more than 10 per cent.

And, Fanchini says, it could come to valuable use in the form of solar-powered phones in as few as five years.

"Every time you recharge your cell phone, you have to plug it in," says Fanchini, an assistant professor in physics and astronomy. "What if you could charge mobile devices like phones, tablets or laptops on the go?"

"Not only would it be convenient, but the potential energy savings would be significant."

nificant."

There are, of course, other implications of the researchers' work. It has the potential, Fanchini says, to take solar power mainstream and "dramatically decrease the world's dependence on traditional, resource-based sources of energy."

The technology could be fast-tracked and integrated into prototypes of solar panels in one to two years, he says, noting the team is already working with manufacturers of solar components.

So what exactly did Fanchini and his team do? Well, it's a golden idea.

They used "gold nanoclusters" to create a flexible network of antennae on traditional solar panels. The benefit comes as those golden rabbit ears attract more light.

"Picture an extremely delicate fishnet of gold," explains Fanchini, noting that the antennae are so minuscule they go unseen even with a conventional optical microscope.

"The fishnet catches the light emitted by the sun and draws it into the active region of the solar cell." **METRO**

Golden touch

Scientists at Western University say they have created a gold molecule that brightens the future of solar energy.

- A network of minuscule gold antennae used on

traditional solar panels helps attract more light.

- With this technology, mobile devices like phones and laptops could one day be charged on the go.



Lots of new H&Ms on the horizon, fashion giant reports

Swedish fashion retailer Hennes & Mauritz AB, with 3,341 stores worldwide, said Thursday it will continue to grow rapidly, adding eight to 10 online markets and opening 375 new stores in the next year. **PAUL MORIGI/GETTY IMAGES FOR H&M**

Apple. Shares slip on iPhone software glitch

Shares of Apple Inc. are down more than 3 per cent as a glitch in an iPhone software update garnered more headlines.

The software update caused some customers' new iPhone models to block calls. Apple offered a fix for the issue on Wednesday, telling customers to manually reverse the update by plugging the phone into a computer and to download a file.

Some analysts said Thursday that Apple is doing the right thing by quickly ac-

knowledging the problem.

"There's a certain perception that Apple has to get things right, and when they don't, the whole company gets questioned," said Carolina Milanesi, chief of research at Kantar Worldpanel. "But they came out and said 'We apologize; we're working 24/7 to fix it.' I think that's what matters."

Shares of the Cupertino, Calif.-based company fell \$3.21 (all figures US), or 3.2 per cent, to \$98.54 Thursday.

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Nobel Prize. Canadian in list of potential winners

A Canadian researcher is being touted as a potential Nobel Prize winner by an organization that predicts which scientists are most likely to take home one of the coveted awards.

Dr. Stephen Scherer, director of the Centre for Applied Genomics at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, has been selected as a 2014 "Nobel-class" citation laureate in physiology or medicine by Thomson Reuters Intellectual Property & Science. The organization has predicted 35 Nobel

Prize winners since 2002.

Scherer is known for his work on the genetic underpinnings of autism spectrum disorder, which includes the role of copy number variations — the deletions or duplication of genes in sections of DNA.

"Just to have a Canadian on the list is huge because there's been an incredible investment in science," he said. "For me, it's really an independent validation of the importance of our work."

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The Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon takes over the majority of the downtown as 25,000 runners take part in October 2013. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Who will win the race? After a slow start, the running event biz has hit its stride — but now it's do-or-die time for organizers scrapping it out

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A sea of hipsters wait in T-shirts, headbands and sunglasses. Soon, their bright white shirts will look like the inside of a Skittles bag.

They look pleased. After all, most paid about \$60 a pop to be popped with brightly coloured powder during a five-kilometre run earlier this month in downtown Vancouver.

Across town, another sea of runners in rainbow-bright clothes and shoes are readying for a timed 10-km road race.

It's clearly do-or-die time for running event organizers scrapping it out in the booming running events business.

It wasn't always this way.

Back in 1963 at Calgary's first marathon, a mere 19 men showed up, and only 12 finished. This year, more than 15,000 people took part. In 1975, 144 men and two women ran Ottawa's marathon. This May, 4,436 men and 2,599 women ran the marathon. And overall, 47,827 people participated in six events during Ottawa Race Weekend.

It's the same story coast-to-coast. While it took years for traditional road races to slowly build up their events, new events seem to have quickly sprinted to the head of the pack.

The Color Run, LLC held its first event in Arizona in 2012.

Charity

- Some for-profit runs, like the Canada Running Series, have a separate non-profit foundation. Others donate a small amount of money to charity directly.
- But the majority of money for charity via runs (whether a non-profit or not) is raised by individual runners.

In 2013, the for-profit company hosted roughly 170 events in more than 30 countries.

The Color Run (which has not added a "u" in deference to our spelling) held five events in Canada in 2013. This year, it grew to eight events, and plans to expand again next year.

About 60 per cent of participants in the untimed "fun runs" are first-time runners, according to a Color Run spokesperson.

The for-profit Tough Mudder LLC tends to attract more seasoned runners. Since it started in 2010, more than 100 Tough Mudders have been held around the globe. The 18- to 20-km events include obstacles such as: mud, freezing-cold ice, electricity and fire. A cross-section of CrossFitters, gym rats and runners in Canada have plunked down about \$139.99 to \$199.99 (plus fees and taxes) to take part in the gruelling event. In 2012, the business co-founded by a Harvard Business School grad brought in \$70 million US in revenue, according to New York Magazine.

Alan Brookes, the director of the Canada Running Series Inc., is not worried about all the new competition.

"We're passionate believers in doing one thing well," says Brookes from Vancouver, where

he was hosting the Vancouver Eastside 10K. "We are sticking to the traditional, complete road race and leaving the mud and colour to others."

The for-profit Canada Running Series holds a total of eight races in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver every year. Its marquee event, the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon (STWM), has hit its stride — celebrating 25 years this year and on pace to hit record numbers of participants.

The STWM began as the Coors Light Toronto Half-Marathon — part of a "six-pack" of races in a nod to the sponsor.

In 1990, about 1,500 people took part. In the last five years the number of participants at the STWM (which now includes a 5-km run, half-marathon and full marathon) has risen almost 400 per cent, with about 25,000 expected on Oct. 19.

Lately, it's condo-dwelling millennials of both genders that are pushing the phenomenal growth, Brookes says.

And companies are jockeying for a prominent spot at these events so they can market their product or brand to the swelling crowds of young, fit and well-heeled runners. Brands have such a strong presence that some runs look like NASCAR races.

Being a part of these feel-good events is worth a lot to companies.

In 2008, Richard Branson's group paid about \$30 million in a five-year deal to sponsor London's not-for-profit marathon. It's now called the Virgin Money London Marathon.

Eye-popping deals like that seem to have encouraged a slew of newbies to give putting on an event a shot. Many quickly hit a wall.

Earlier this month, Runner's World Magazine reported some

theme and obstacle events have failed lately, with insiders pointing to "organizer's inexperience and unanticipated costs."

Heather Wall has experienced what she says was a poorly executed event firsthand.

The über-fit Ottawa mom runs in about a dozen events per year, including the Canada Army Run in Ottawa last weekend. Two years ago she tried a local obstacle endurance event.

"It was not well organized," says Wall. "It left a bad taste in my mouth."

Among other things, she says it was not clear the event was solely a for-profit venture and she worried about the safety of runners as she believes there was not sufficient medical help on site.

"I'm glad I did it, but I would never do it again," says Wall.

A safe event is something runners like Wall keep top-of-mind.

In 2012, a man drowned at a Tough Mudder in West Virginia. The death was ruled accidental. The man's family have since filed a lawsuit.

In the mad dash to cash in, some of these events will trip up and drop out along the way. In the long run, runners like Wall will determine which events get a second wind.

Run, Metro, Run!

Full disclosure: I have participated in several Canada Running Series and Running Room events over the years. Many of my Metro mates are also participating in the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon's media challenge. Check out our group blog, Run, Metro, Run!, at: metronews.ca/voices/run-metro-run/

The Running Room

Free clinics mean big money

Every Sunday morning the true believers gather to worship in the running temples John Stanton built.

The former two-pack-a-day smoker started the Running Room in 1984. The first store was literally a room in a house in Edmonton.

Thirty years later, there are about 1,500 staffers and 128 stores in North America.

Since the start, Stanton has preached about inclusiveness and community.

The stores generally run free clinics every Wednesday night and Sunday morning that anyone can attend. Plus, the stores offer

several training clinics for \$69.99 in Canada, which are sponsored by running shoe companies, such as New Balance and Saucony.

"The clinics are a little bit self-serving," Stanton freely admits in a phone interview from Edmonton. It's a mutually beneficial relationship, he says.

Customers get fit and meet like-minded people and the store builds a strong relationship with customers and sells them a new pair of running shoes every now and then.

Competitors are starting to see the light. Vancouver's Lululemon Athletica Inc. and MEC (formerly Mountain Equipment Co-op) are among the growing number of retailers now offering free running groups and sponsoring running events, too.



Color Me Rad saw well over a thousand people run the five-kilometre race. The running boom has been a boon to gadget makers. Scan the photo with your Metro News app to see a gallery of the latest products making the rounds among runners. STEFANIA SECCIA/FOR METRO IN VANCOUVER FILE

Is Bash bug worse than Heartbleed?

Uh-oh. Experts are divided over whether the latest security flaw will cause more chaos than the Heartbleed bug

New warnings are emerging of a security flaw known as the "Bash" bug, which cyber experts say may pose a serious threat to devices using Unix-based operating systems such as Linux and Mac OS X.

Beyond computers, devices ranging from home Internet routers to systems used to run factory floors and power plants to medical equipment could be affected.

The Department of Homeland Security's Computer Emergency Readiness Team in the U.S. issued a warning about the vulnerability this week. Experts are divided over whether the bug could pose a bigger threat than the

Heartbleed computer security flaw discovered earlier this year.


Security company Rapid7 said that while the vulnerability "looks pretty awful at first glance," hackers will not be able to exploit most systems running the affected Bash software. The Heartbleed bug exploited a key piece of security technology used by hundreds of thousands of websites. For more than two years before it was discovered, the flaw exposed passwords and other sensitive data to hackers who could steal that information.


The reason the Bash bug could be worse than Heartbleed is because it gives the attacker a bigger advantage than Heartbleed did, said Tod Beardsley, engineering manager at Rapid7. With Heartbleed, attackers could get an information leak. With the Bash bug, they can get "remote code execution," a way to take control of the affected device to install pro-


grams or run commands, he said. The bug is rated a maximum 10 out of 10 for its impact and ease of exploitability by the Common Vulnerability Scoring System, an industry standard for assessing how bad security flaws are.

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 **OIL**
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The baby boomers had Woodstock, millennials get PotatoStock 2014

Zack Brown, the man behind the potato salad Kickstarter campaign is photographed on Sept. 18 in Columbus, Ohio. Brown is planning PotatoStock 2014, an all-ages, charity-minded party Saturday in downtown Columbus featuring bands, food trucks, beer vendors, potato-sack races and definitely potato salad. His effort on Kickstarter in early July to buy potato salad ingredients took on a life of its own and attracted worldwide attention as the amount grew. The 31-year-old jokingly sought \$10 US from the crowdfunding website to pay for his first attempt at making potato salad and eventually raised \$55,492. CHRIS RUSSELL/THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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New report. Forcing a pick-and-pay TV model futile, is coming anyway

Forcing TV service providers to offer their customers television channels on a pick-and-pay basis would be a waste of time, a new study says.

The C.D. Howe Institute report released Thursday says ever-changing technology will soon put viewers squarely in the driver's seat, allowing them to choose everything they watch one program at a time.

And it suggests it would be better for regulators to determine whether broadcasters should continue to be required to fund the production of Canadian content.

The study also opposes

the idea of forcing new video-distribution services, such as Netflix, to pay into funds that subsidize such content.

Entitled Let the Market Decide: The Case Against Mandatory Pick-and-Pay, the study comes as the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission conducts a comprehensive review of how consumers get their TV programming and how they pay for it.

The Harper government has been promoting the pick-and-pay model as good for consumers.

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More coming?

Drones for moviemaking get FAA approval

The government granted six movie and television production companies permission to use drones for filming, an important step toward greater use of the technology by commercial operators, Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx announced Thursday.

Dozens of other industries are lined up to follow Hollywood's lead. Until now, the Federal Aviation Administration, which is part of the Transportation Department, had banned commercial drone operations with the exception of a lone oil company in Alaska. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Revolution smells soft, sweet in Cuba

Colognes launched.

Woody scent honours guerrilla hero Che, while late president Chavez is celebrated with mango, papaya

Call it "Eau de Revolution."

Cuba's biggest producer of natural products has come up with a pair of colognes for the discerning supporter of international socialism who wants something more than just the iconic "Che" T-shirt.

A woody and refreshing citric scent with notes of talcum powder called Ernesto honours guerrilla leader Ernesto "Che" Guevara. For those seeking something softer and fruitier, there's a blend with hints of mango and papaya called Hugo, for the late Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez.

"They will be very attractive colognes, but the names also mean a lot to us," said Isbel Gonzalez, vice-president for research and development for Labiofam, which produces homeopathic medicines, cleaning products and dietary supplements.

Formulated by a French company and produced in Cuba, the men's colognes are being presented this week at a Labiofam convention in Havana.

The two scents so far have generic bottles and simple printed labels bearing only their names. But Labiofam is developing more attractive bottles and labels with hopes of putting the colognes on sale in Cuba and internationally, Gonzalez said.

Labiofam officials said they and French firm Robert worked for more than 1 1/2 years to produce the colognes. The Cuban company



A man shows displays the new Cuban colognes Ernesto, honouring guerrilla leader Ernesto "Che" Guevara, and Hugo, which pays homage to the late Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez. FRANKLIN REYES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"They will be very attractive colognes, but the names also mean a lot to us."

Isbel Gonzalez. Vice-president for research and development, Labiofam

polled 122 visitors to other pharmaceutical conventions to determine what names people preferred from a pre-selected list of options.

"It was a great challenge," said Cuban biochemist Mario Valdes, who led the scent design team.

The French company did not respond to a request for comment.

Labiofam is also producing a pair of women's perfumes called Amalia and Alba. While ALBA is the Spanish acronym for the leftist Latin America regional alliance founded by Chavez, Gonzalez did not provide details about whether the perfumes' names also had political connotations.

Guevara's image has long been appropriated for products as diverse as clothing and automobiles, often running into objections from the survivors of the Argentine-born revolutionary who helped Fidel and Raul Castro's rebels overthrow Cuban President Fulgencio Batista in 1959. Chavez became the Castros' greatest ally since the breakup of the Soviet Union, frequently visiting and supplying Cuba with millions of barrels of discounted oil that provided vital support for the island's struggling economy.

Labiofam's director is a nephew of the Castros, and Valdes said the families of Guevara and Chavez had

been consulted and approved the use of the names.

Cubans are enthusiastic consumers of perfumes and colognes. State cosmetics company Suchel-Camacho produces Alicia, a scent named for Cuban National Ballet founder Alicia Alonso, which has been popular among both tourists and Cuban women since the 1980s.

At the Labiofam convention, visitors' reactions to the revolutionary scents were largely positive.

"I'd probably be more likely to buy Ernesto because the scent is a little more striking," said Reymundo Miranda, an expert in traditional medicine.

Valdes said the colognes had no intention of trivializing the two men's legacies.

"We didn't want to create propaganda, but rather pay homage to them and help their names endure," he said.

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Hyundai. Workers seeking wage hike strike to protest land deal

Thousands of Hyundai Motor Co. workers are striking to protest the South Korean automaker's decision to spend \$10 billion on land for a new headquarters while wage negotiations remain stalled, a union said Thursday.

Union spokesman Hwang Ki-tae said the mood among workers turned sour after a Hyundai-led consortium offered 10.55 trillion won (\$10.1 billion) for land in Seoul's upmarket Gangnam district. About 47,000 workers are walking off the job for a total of 12 hours from Tuesday to Friday. Hyundai has about 60,000 workers.

Since June, the union has

been in talks to negotiate new terms for wages and benefits. The latest talks broke down after the company refused to accept the union's proposal.

Hwang said the land deal showed that Hyundai's position could not be justified. Hyundai is paying about three times the land's value to squeeze out other bidders.

The union's demands include changing the employment status of temporary workers at Hyundai production lines to full-time employment. Hyundai Motor said the new headquarters in the posh district of Seoul would increase its brand value.

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Chrysler

Faulty ignitions prompt recall

Chrysler is recalling nearly 350,000 older model cars and SUVs in the United States, Canada, Mexico and elsewhere to fix ignition switches that could unexpectedly shut off their engines.

The recall covers 2008 Jeep Commander and Grand Cherokee SUVs, Chrysler 300 and Dodge

Charger sedans and Dodge Magnum wagons. All were built before May 12, 2008.

It covers an estimated 18,976 vehicles in Canada, according to the company website.

Chrysler says the ignitions may not fully return to the "on" position after being started. The switches could move to "accessory" or "off." That could shut off the engine and knock out power-assisted steering and other features.

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1 Timmies pop-up store. In a bid to show how fun it is to work at their stores (and demonstrate their community spirit), Tim Hortons did a one-day, pop-up store at a home in a Calgary community, giving out free double-doubles and doughnuts to residents. As Buzzfeed Canada noted, "eh-plus stunt." Indeed.

2 MANTOWN. Canadian comedians Bob Banks, Adam Cawley, Jason DeRosse and Rob Norman are part of MANTOWN, one of the best alpha-male improv troupes anywhere. They're featured in Toronto's Comedy Festival this week, and are at the Montreal Improv Festival early October. They're a laugh a second. Follow them @MANTOWNComedy.

3 The Great(grandfather) One. Wayne Gretzky, a grandpa? Yep, his daughter Paulina announced Tuesday on her Instagram account that she and her fiancé, pro golfer Dustin



THE METRO LIST

Neil Morton

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Johnson, are preggers. This will be the first grandchild for the hockey icon and his wife, Janet. Congrats.

4 Assiniboine Park Zoo. This Winnipeg zoo had to temporarily close its underwater polar bear viewing tunnel after the bears chewed the silicone sealant around the tunnel's glass. "It just shows you when you're working with live animals, anything can happen at any time," said a zoo spokesperson. Exactly.

5 Emma Watson. The actress and UN Women Goodwill Ambassador gave a game-changing speech on feminism and gender at the UN Headquarters in N.Y.C. to launch the "HeForShe" campaign, which aims to galvanize one billion men and boys as advocates for ending the inequalities that women and girls face around the world. Best thing ever.

6 Teleporter travel. Marriott Hotels has created a virtual travel experience — a mobile travel booth launched in N.Y.C. with live-action, 4D video and sensory elements to deliver the feeling of actually being in Hawaii and London. Once they figure out every other getaway destination in the world, we'll no longer have to travel. Yes, the future of travel is no travel.

7 CBC's ComedyCoup. Starting Oct. 2, over 10 weeks, comedy creators from across Canada will create hundreds of hilarious videos to submit to the ComedyCoup competition. They advance by getting social media support and feedback from their fans. The winner gets a \$500,000 half-hour TV special on CBC. And we get lots of laughs.

8 Crossing Guards. They're unsung heroes but the spotlight is now shining on them through a Canada's Favourite Crossing Guard challenge. You can nominate a school crossing guard in your community at ParachuteCanada.org from now until Nov. 24 and follow the hashtag #FavCrossingGuard for updates on the contest.

Gorilla groupie



Terri Tacheny plays once a month for an appreciative primate audience that ambles down to the fence as soon as Tacheny begins setting up her harp.

ELIZABETH FLORES/THE STAR TRIBUNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Great apes enjoy harp music at Minnesota zoo every month

Harpist Terri Tacheny long enjoyed taking her young daughters to Como Zoo in St. Paul, Minn., except for the Primate House, where she thought the gorillas, orangutans and monkeys seemed a little lethargic.

Her solution: A little music.

Now Tacheny, a zoo volunteer, plays once a month for an appreciative audience that ambles down to the barrier as soon as Tacheny begins setting up her beautifully carved wooden harp. She's been doing it for nearly a decade.

As the shimmering sounds of Tacheny's harp drift through the leafy zoo, a male gorilla stares through the fence at the musician, then chews contentedly on vegetation. Families stop to snap pictures.

Quoted

"I don't speak gorilla, but there's a gorilla purr that occurs when I begin to play. And that's their happy sound."

Harpist Terri Tacheny

A therapeutic harpist, Tacheny plays for hospital patients to help them deal with pain and anxiety.

She thought if the soothing sounds helped to calm humans, it would work for the primates too.

Tami Murphy, a zookeeper at Como, said Tacheny has played for all the animals at the zoo. Some animals appear ambivalent, Murphy said, but the harp music "seems to be a really calming thing for the apes to listen."

Tacheny says she's never gotten a negative review from her ape audience. "I've never had anything thrown at me," she said.

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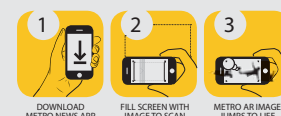


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Tool Time with a few twists

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Denzel Washington returns to the action genre with *The Equalizer*. Scan this photo using the Metro News app to see the movie's fast-paced trailer. CONTRIBUTED

Synopsis

Washington plays a home improvement store worker by day, righter of wrongs by night. He's a former black ops commando trying to leave his violent ways in the past but just when he thought that part of his life was over, the Russian mob leans on him because he tried to protect a young woman (Chloë Grace Moretz) from her violent pimp. When he singlehandedly wipes out the East Coast wing of the Russian mob, Teddy (Marton Csokas) — an enforcer from Moscow — arrives to put an end to McCall's one-man search for justice.

• Richard: ●●●●

• Mark: ●●●●

The Equalizer. Denzel Washington's acting chops carry this thriller about a man with a regular life who is pretty talented in using tools as weapons of mass destruction

Richard: Mark, *The Equalizer* is more elegant than Liam Neeson's recent action movies but less viscerally satisfying.

All the elements of Neeson's Eurotrash thrillers are in place — tattooed bad guys and the “seasoned” hero with a “special set of skills” — but the pace is

much slower. The point of the story is that McCall equalizes situations, using his talents to help the downtrodden, but it takes about 30 minutes before any settling of scores happens.

We meet McCall, learn about his orderly life but we don't learn anything about his past. He's Denzel and ergo, a badass, but the first half-hour of this movie could have snapped things up a bit by illuminating his past.

Mark: Richard, withholding information must be what passes for suspense in this thriller.

But I can accept a slow burn off the top if the rest of the movie ignites.

But the plot and tone of the movie is standard stuff, as you say. What lifts the rote material into the stratosphere is Denzel, who is such a good actor we forget we're watching an expensive Steven Seagal flick.

RC: It is a slow burn that does build some tension, and by the time McCall unleashes hell on the Russian mobsters, it comes as a bit of a catharsis. Now the movie is rolling!

Except that it isn't. It takes ages for McCall to open another can of whoop-ass. Instead director Antoine Fuqua has elected to gradually build up to a wild showdown in a massive hardware store.

Who knew those places

were so dangerous?

The climax is tense and inventive — apparently there is no home improvement device that cannot be turned into a WMD — but it is a more standard blockbuster-movie ending than you might expect from a movie so stingy with the action in the first hour.

MB: Homeowners ... killing homeowners, as the jingle sorta goes.

I liked the set piece at the end; it was very well directed, and I have no quibble with the technical virtuosity of the movie.

Denzel's taciturn hero is mysterious and engaging. But when I thought about it, all of the hero's efforts to eliminate the Russian mob

in Boston would only result in the ascendancy of the Irish mob. And what's Bill Pullman doing in the movie with three lines?

Time to fire his agent?

RC: Pullman did have the nicer house, though, so I guess that counts for something.

Overall it's a good movie and Denzel is, as always, charismatic and interesting, but as he says, paraphrasing Hemingway, if “the old man gotta be the old man,” then *The Equalizer* gotta be more of an action movie to be completely satisfying.

MB: I might say the violence was often gratuitous, but there's not much of a movie without it.

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Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: Audience:

No reviews yet 🍏 100%

Animation



The Boxtrolls

Director. Graham Annable, Anthony Stacchi

Stars. Ben Kingsley

The Boxtrolls are a community of quirky, mischievous creatures who have raised an orphaned human boy named Eggs (voiced by Isaac Hempstead-Wright) in the amazing cavernous home they've built beneath the streets of Cheesebridge. When the town's villain, Archibald Snatcher (Academy Award winner Ben Kingsley), comes up with a plot to get rid of the Boxtrolls, Eggs decides to venture above ground.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: Audience:

🍏 72% + 91%

Drama



The Drop

Director. Michael R. Roskam

Stars. Tom Hardy, Noomi Rapace

Based on a screenplay from Dennis Lehane, The Drop follows lonely bartender Bob Saginowski (Tom Hardy) through a covert scheme of funneling cash to local gangsters — “money drops” in the underworld of Brooklyn bars. Under the heavy hand of his employer and cousin Marv (James Gandolfini), Bob finds himself at the centre of a robbery gone awry, entwined in an investigation that digs deep into the neighbourhood's past.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: Audience:

🍏 78% + 95%

Drama



Hector and the Search for Happiness

Director. Peter Chelsom

Stars. Simon Pegg, Rosamund Pike

Hector (Simon Pegg) is a quirky psychiatrist who has become increasingly tired of his humdrum life. As he tells his girlfriend, Clara (Rosamund Pike), he feels like a fraud: He hasn't really tasted life, and yet he's offering advice to patients who are just not getting any happier. So Hector decides to break out of his deluded and routine driven life.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: Audience:

🍏 27% 🍏 63%

Comedy



Dr. Cabbie

Director. Jean-François Pouliot

Stars. Kunal Nayyar, Vinay Virmani

An unemployed immigrant doctor turned cab driver becomes a local hero when he converts his taxi into a mobile clinic.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: Audience:

No reviews yet 🍏 85%

Documentary



20,000 Days on Earth

Director. Iain Forsyth, Jane Pollard

Stars. Nick Cave

Drama and reality combine in a fictitious 24 hours in the life of musician and international cultural icon, Nick Cave. With startlingly frank insights and an intimate portrayal of the artistic process, the film examines what makes us who we are, and celebrates the transformative power of the creative spirit.

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Critics: Audience:

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Examining Xavier Dolan's Oedipal world

Mommy. Director talks about his fascination with mothers and sons and making films about them

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"I have no culture. I'm ignorant. I have a high school diploma and I've seen eight films."

Quite the admission from Quebec's boy wonder Xavier Dolan who has accrued 36 awards with just five major features since 2009. *I Killed My Mother*, *Heartbeats*, *Laurence Anyways*, *Tom at the Farm* and his latest *Mommy* catapulted him onto the world stage at Cannes, four winning major prizes. Dolan is hands-on in all elements of his films and has a successful acting and voice-over career. Dolan says he has no culture, but it's clear he creates it. And he's just 25.

Mommy finds us in familiar Dolan mother/son territory. The widowed Diane (Anne Dor-

val) and her violent, mentally ill teenaged son Steve (Antoine-Olivier Pilon) find it hard to function together or integrate into society. They are perpetual youngsters in a love-hate relationship that recalls his 2009 film *I Killed My Mother*.

"I was ready to go back to mother and sons and I realized I'd never left them," says Dolan. "They'd always been in my movies somehow, sometimes in the background and sometimes in the spotlight. *I Killed My Mother* was about schemes compared to *Mommy*, which is really about an existential crisis between two people who love each other more than the world. They love each other so much they cannot live together."

Dolan picked the word *Mommy* from all the terms for mother as it describes their refusal to grow up. "Mommy is what children call their moms. They don't say ma, or mom or mother except if you're on the Titanic. They say mommy when they're really small. Both Die and Steve are two children; they're just babies. Die is an eternal teenager and Steve just

will never be a grown-up; he's a little baby."

Mommy is set in a "fictionalized Canada" in which a parent may deposit an incorrigible child in an institution indefinitely. "The thing about mental illness is that it is unpredictable. Steve doesn't think, 'Well, I'm going to go home and burn the house down.' He's a good kid, but he's a ticking bomb. He does not control his outbursts. It's important for me to portray how unpredictable relationships are when mental illness is in the household."

Dolan stars in the upcoming psychological drama *The Elephant Song* in which he's confined to a psychiatric hospital. And he's reportedly starring opposite Taylor Lautner in Gus Van Sant's untitled project based on a New Yorker Magazine article.

Not so long ago, Dolan complained of sitting around waiting for the phone to ring and petting his cat. "It sure has changed. First I'm allergic to cats, I stopped doing laundry, I just buy new briefs, I travel so much I don't have time to wash them."



Mommy, which opens in select theatres next Friday, has been submitted in the best foreign language film category at the Academy Awards. TORSTAR

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Genesis Rodriguez is a pretty big nerd

Tusk. Actress says she has a passion for building robots and welding things



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Metro World News in Hollywood

Geeks of the world, you're about to fall in love with Genesis Rodriguez. There's no point in resisting. The actress, appearing in Kevin Smith's totally insane Tusk, used to be part of an all-girl BattleBots team. Her words, not ours.

"We were an all-girls robotics team. We looked like we were kick-ass, cool-ass girls who had ribbons in their hair

but were like, 'We're going to kick your ass!'" Rodriguez tells Metro. "We did competitions, like national competitions. We went to the Kennedy Space Center, we went to a convention in Oklahoma. I was involved with the pneumatics of the robot. I wasn't so much into getting the precise degree and cuts of angles and things — I was a welder."

Yes, welding. Rodriguez thinks women have the edge when it comes to that particular trade.

"I think girls make better welders than men because we take time with our tacks and our welds, we're detailed and we make it look pretty," she says with a laugh. "It's fun. Just the smell of it is just ... I love the oil. The light, it's hypnotizing.

You could be there all day just looking at it. It's kind of cool. But yeah, building robots was super-awesome."

Rodriguez acknowledges that when people first look at her, they might not immediately think "welding" and "robots," but that's their loss. "It's not something that you'd expect, but it was just a fun time. You're actually thinking something in your head and then executing it and actually seeing it done. I think it's just a really cool school program that should be promoted more. And you're having fun with your friends and working on a crocodile robot. How cool is that?"

So what was it her kick-ass team created? "Basically, it was really a tough robot, a crocodile," she explains. "It was built at an angle, so it would come under you and just chomp you

down into pieces and break you down. So even if you're a bigger robot in size, it could just scoop you from under — trip it and kill it."

And if robots aren't enough for you, she's also an avid Shark Week aficionado, something that helped her build more appreciation for the massive beast at the centre of Tusk, the walrus. "I was watching Shark Week this last time, and I realized that sharks do not mess with walruses. They don't," she says. "They have weapons, and they're just stronger. They could take down a shark. Also, octopi. They flip a wing of the shark, and once you flip a shark and put it upside down, that's it. They're immobilized. Sharks are so bad, (but) you just flip them over (or) punch them in the nose."

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Genesis Rodriguez doesn't look like a BattleBots nerd, but she says she is! Tusk opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Spike Lee. Filmmaker picks up Pioneer award at Montreal black film fest

Spike Lee has been described as one of the angriest filmmakers in the United States, but he jokingly suggested Wednesday he was worried about a bit of ire coming his way during a news conference in Montreal.

"We're not going to talk about the Rangers beating the Habs last year, are we?" said the diehard sports fan, referring to the Montreal Canadiens' elimination from last season's Stanley Cup playoffs at the hands of his hometown New York team.

"We're not bringing that up?"

Lee didn't have to worry.

He appeared at the Montreal International Black Film Festival where he was to be presented with the event's first Pioneer award by P.K. Subban, the Habs co-captain.

"He's a great player," Lee said before the award ceremony, adding he watched Subban play in New York last season and waved at him during the pre-game skate.

The ceremony was to precede the Canadian premiere of Lee's new film Da Sweet Blood of Jesus, a romantic horror comedy.

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Hercules (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-6:55-9:40
Into the Storm (PG) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:05-6:50-9:35
Maleficent (STC) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7-9:40
Mr. Peabody & Sherman (G) Fri-Thu 1:25
Sex Tape (18A) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-7:25-10:05
Snowpiercer (14A) Fri-Thu 4-9:45
Tammy (14A) Fri-Thu 9:50
Transformers: Age of Extinction (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:50-8:15
When the Game Stands Tall (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-7:10
X-Men: Days of Future Past (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:35

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The Boxtrolls (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20 Mon-Tue 2:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1:30 Thu 2:10
The Boxtrolls 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 2:45-5:10-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:05-9:25
David Bowie Is (PG) Sat 12:55
Dolphin Tale 2 (G) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:05-6:45-9:25 Mon-Wed 1:30-4-6:45-10 Thu 1:30-4-6:45
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Hugo (PG) Sat 11
The Hundred-Foot Journey (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:35
Let's Be Cops (14A) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:40-5:15-7:55-10:30 Mon-Wed 2-4:30-7:40-10:25 Thu 2-4:30
Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty (STC) Sun 12:55
The Maze Runner (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-1:45-4-4:35-6:55-7:25-9:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 1:40-2:05-4:25-4:50-7:10-7:30-9:55-10:15
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Stephen Fry Live: More Fool Me (STC) Wed 7:30
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Let's Be Cops (14A) Fri 11:45-2:25-5:05-7:45-10:30 Sat-Sun 11:45-2:25-5:05-7:55-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:25-5:05-7:55-10:30
Lucy (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:10-5:30-7:55-10:15 Mon-Wed 3:10-5:30-7:55-10:15 Thu 5-7:30
Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty (STC) Sun 12:55
The Maze Runner (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:05-7:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 1-4-7-9:45 Fri-Sun 2-4-50-7:45-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15
Stephen Fry Live: More Fool Me (STC) Wed 7
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5 Mon-Tue 2:35-4:55 Wed 2:35-5:30 Thu 1:45-4:05
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This Is Where I Leave You (14A) Fri-Sun 2:15-4:45-7:25-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:45-7:35-10:10
The Vatican Museums 3D (STC) Thu 7:30
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A Taqwacore single, a lush tune from a man with selfie-mania and an Australian singer-songwriter who's getting lots of buzz



True/ Selfieman

This one-man electronic band from Moscow was inspired by "selfie-mania," which (in Russia, at least) is "a mental disorder typical for a person who can't stop himself from taking selfies." Sound familiar?



Banana/ The Kominas

This group of Pakistani ex-pats live and work in Boston, where they practise a form of rock called Taqwacore, which is a form of Muslim punk. This is their latest single.



Known Better/ Meg Mac

This 23-year-old Melbourne singer-songwriter has been getting lots of attention at home in Australia, thanks to her blend of dramatic pop and American blues. Her debut EP, Meg Mac, came out earlier this month.

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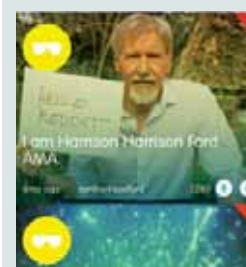


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Video game review

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If you have to buy toys to play a video game, it had better be awesome. This is The Incredibles play set from last year. It uses the same city and button-mashing style of missions, but with the heroes and villains swapped out for Marvel replacements. True, The Avengers have different abilities, but given that last year's set included three five-hour adventures and this just one, it's all disappointingly similar. Building custom worlds is more rewarding.

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Peter Pan Live! Walken the plank as Captain Hook

Christopher Walken will play one-handed antagonist Captain Hook in NBC's Dec. 4 show Peter Pan Live!, producer Neil Meron has revealed on Twitter. The broadcast is to star Allison Williams (Girls) as Peter Pan.

Hook still sports the long-haired, moustached look of his 1953 Disney cartoon compatriot, complete with garish red coat, but this

time swaps white ruffles for a golden garment and dark undershirt, contrasting with the green-clad Pan.

Newcomers Taylor Louderman and Alanna Saunders play Wendy Darling and Tiger Lily respectively, while Christian Borle (The Sound of Music Live!) and five-time Tony nominee Kelli O'Hara are also involved. **AFP**



Allison Williams and Christopher Walken in their Peter Pan Live! costumes. **TWITTER**

Rock or Bust

No more shaking it all night long for AC/DC guitarist

Malcolm Young, one of the founding members of legendary Australian rockers AC/DC, has retired due to health issues but the band will press ahead with a world tour next year, they announced Thursday.

The high-voltage group was founded by brothers Malcolm and Angus Young in 1973, and has sold more than 200 million albums.

In announcing a new record Rock or Bust, they said that guitarist Young, 61, would not be returning to the lineup after he took a break earlier this year due to unspecified ill health. **AFP**



AC/DC guitarists Angus, left, and Malcolm Young. **AFP FILE**

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Crowd control. Venice will block canal walkway for George Clooney's wedding

Venice city officials have ordered the closure of a walkway fronting the picturesque Grand Canal on Monday, to keep crowds away from George Clooney's wedding to human rights lawyer Amal Alamuddin.

The city order closes pedestrian access to walkways accessing the 16th-Century Cavalli Palace for at least two hours Monday, citing "the George Clooney wedding."

The order is the first official indication of the timing of the nuptials.

Clooney revealed earlier this month at a star-studded benefit in Florence that he would marry Alamuddin in the lagoon city, but refrained from giving the date. Press reports have speculated the couple would have two ceremonies, one on Saturday followed by a civil ceremony on Monday.

A Venice city official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media, said police requested the closure to prevent crowds from gathering and creating a safety risk.

The official said such closures have taken place previously for both public and private events.

Only city offices are affected by the closure area, not businesses that cater to tourists, the official said.

The Renaissance-era Cavalli Palace is used as a venue for civil marriage ceremonies, with rooms offering views of the Grand Canal and the famed Rialto Bridge. The palace can be accessed by gondola for the most "exciting arrival," the Venice city website notes.

Clooney owns a lakeside villa in northern Italy and has been a frequent visitor to Venice, notably to pre-

Room with a view

The Renaissance-era Cavalli Palace is used as a venue for civil marriage ceremonies, with rooms offering views of the Grand Canal and the famed Rialto Bridge. The palace can also be accessed by gondola.

mier movies at the city's annual film festival.

Clooney, 53, and Alamuddin, 36, a Beirut-born British national based in London, posted the required legal notice in Britain last month, declaring their intention to marry abroad, specifically in Italy. It's his second marriage and her first.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Venice officials are restricting access to the Cavalli Palace for George Clooney's wedding Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Kickstarter campaign

Foo Fighter fans taking charge of concert tickets by crowdfunding

Fans of the rock band Foo Fighters have teamed up to launch a crowdfunding campaign to get the group to play in Birmingham, U.K.

"Foo for the fans — no more touts" is a Kickstarter campaign aiming to cut out the middlemen and let fans appeal directly to artists when it comes to concert venues.

The not-for-profit campaign is hoping to get the Foo Fighters to Birmingham for a fan-funded gig in 2015, following the release of the group's new album, *Sonic Highways*.

The online response has been enthusiastic — the campaign launched on Sept. 19 and had nearly hit its £150,000 (\$270,000) target on Thursday.

"Are you sick of losing out on those golden tickets?" asks the campaign's Kickstarter page. "By doing this we are putting the power of ticket sales back into the hands of the fans, not the touts."

This isn't the first time the Foo Fighters have been beckoned to a fan-funded stage — the band played in Richmond, Va., after a similar campaign.

AFP



Thom Yorke of Radiohead. AFP FILE

Radiohead. Is new album on the way?

Experimental rock giants Radiohead are working on a new album — or at least it would appear so from the cryptic messages of frontman Thom Yorke.

In what online fans widely interpreted to be a tease, Yorke has made a series of suggestive tweets, including a link to an untitled picture of a white turntable, in between his calls for the world to fight climate change.

In his most explicit message, Yorke said he and Stanley

Donwood, who has designed Radiohead's cover art — were "going through 15 years of discarded words and pictures."

Yorke said that Radiohead has done "overdubs" in its studio but that the British rockers were in their "second day only."

The hints would confirm a statement earlier this year by Radiohead lead guitarist Jonny Greenwood, who told the BBC that the band would start recording a new album in September.

The album would be Radiohead's first since 2011's *The King of Limbs*, an experimental work in both music and marketing, with the band selling it digitally from its website without a record label.

Radiohead quickly won a following with its 1993 debut album *Pablo Honey*, a work of guitar-driven alternative rock that featured the song *Creep*.

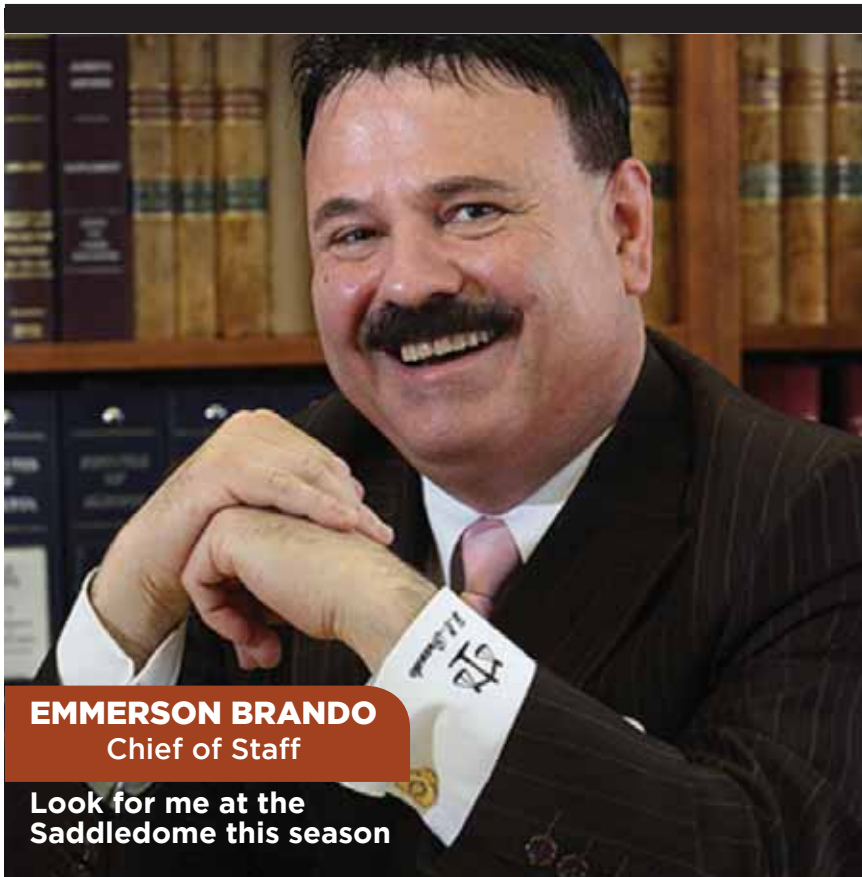
The band soon took a more original and electronic turn through its seminal 1997 album *OK Computer*. AFP



Dave Grohl of Foo Fighters

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Depending on who you ask, Lindsay Lohan either had a great first night or a terrible first night during her London stage debut. Previews started this week for David Mamet's *Speed-the-Plow*, and the first review, from the *Daily Beast*, is not terribly kind. "On the first night of pre-

views, a work-in-progress feel is to be expected," Nico Hines writes. "But halfway through the second act of *Speed-the-Plow*, the audience was openly laughing at Lohan's struggle to grasp Mamet's sharp, trademark dialogue." Some audience members had fun with the gaffes, like Rafay Agha, who tweeted, "Major kudos to the woman who was feeding Lindsay Lohan her lines from offstage." But a tweet from one of her fans tells a different story. "According to all attendees of (*Speed-the-Plow*), Lindsay Lohan owned her part. As if doubt were plausible," writes Peyton Pittman. I just don't know who to believe anymore.



Mary-Kate Olsen
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**Mary-Kate
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for band
of gold,
leading to
marry chase**

Guys, we really dropped the ball on this one. Everyone's been so focused on George Clooney getting married that we may have missed Mary-Kate Olsen's wedding altogether. The 28-year-old actress, designer and Wonder Twin was spotted this week in the Hamptons with her fiancé, 45-year-old French banker Olivier Sarkozy, both of them sporting what look like gold wedding bands — and the massive Cartier diamond ring Olsen used to wear was nowhere in sight. Which begs the question: Is there such a thing as a hobo chic wedding dress? And what self-respecting billionaire hangs out in the Hamptons after Labour Day?



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Topping

1. In a bowl, combine the rolled oats, brown sugar, flour and melted butter. Set aside.

2. In a skillet, sauté the apples in the butter for about 5 minutes. Allow to cool.

Muffins

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F (180 C). Line a 12-well muffin pan with paper liners.

2. In another bowl, combine the flour, baking powder and cinnamon. Set aside.

3. In another bowl, cream butter and sugar with mixer until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla. Beat until smooth.

4. With a wooden spoon, stir

dry ingredients into butter and sugar mixture alternately with the milk. Add the diced apples. Spoon the batter into the wells.

5. Place 3 pieces of uncooked apples on each muffin and top with the oatmeal mixture. Press lightly with your fingers.

6. Bake in the middle of the oven for about 20 to 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the centre of a muffin comes out clean. **FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S UP-COMING ENGLISH EDITION, WHICH LAUNCHED THIS SEPTEMBER!**

Ingredients

Topping

- 1 cup (250 ml) rolled oats
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) brown sugar
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) melted butter
- 2 apples, peeled, cored and cut into 36 pieces
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) butter

Muffins

- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp (7.5 ml) baking powder
- 1 tsp (5 ml) ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp (5 ml) vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) milk
- 1 apple, peeled, seeded and diced

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Myths of French grapes



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French wines have an image problem.

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Doors Open YYC

This one's for the curious cats out there and the lovers of any behind-the-scenes tour. Doors Open YYC takes place over the course of the entire weekend (Sept. 27-28) and across every quadrant of the city, giving the public access to the inner workings of some pretty cool operations. From learning how Fiasco makes such delicious gelato to how C-Trains are fixed when they break, and even how the Alberta Children's Hospital saves kids' lives daily, there's a lot to take in. Plan out your visits on the event website here: doorsopenyyc.org



Help!

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Atelier of Arts

Tara Somers and Erika Voith are the beauty and the brains behind the artist-run centre Atelier of Arts. On Thursday, Oct. 2, these talented ladies are throwing a party called Last Redemption. This will be your last chance to purchase art by the talented Miss Voith before she leaves for Europe to display her work in London, Vienna and Prague. If you're in need of some classical pieces to decorate your walls, don't wait. This party runs from 8 to 11 p.m.; to RSVP, contact arts.atelier.calgary@gmail.com



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This event will feature presentations, video clips narrating events of his life, and youth groups performing poems and songs. The show has received excellent reviews in different cities across Canada and it is expected the Calgary show will be booked up. Organizers have paid for the tickets and there is no charge to attend the event. In

addition, parking and refreshments are free.

This event will especially be useful for educators, parents, students, community leaders, and it is open to those who would like to learn more about the life of the Prophet Muhammad. The show will be playing at the Jubilee Auditorium on Oct. 2. Doors will open at 5 p.m. for socializing and refreshments. The presentation goes on from 6-8 p.m. Visit theprophet.ca for early registration.

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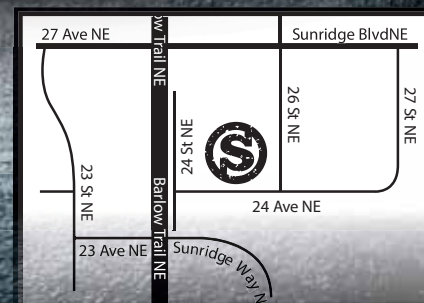
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Separated shoulder

Datsyuk expected to miss 4-5 weeks

Pavel Datsyuk is expected to miss the start of the regular season because of a separated right shoulder.

Detroit general manager Ken Holland said his star centre will miss four to five weeks. The 36-year-old Datsyuk was injured in the Red Wings' exhibition opener at Pittsburgh on Monday night when he was checked into the glass by Penguins defenceman Rob Scuderi. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Soccer

Impact advance to CONCACAF quarters

The Montreal Impact clinched a spot in the CONCACAF Champions League quarter-finals late Wednesday when the New York Red Bulls failed to earn a victory in El Salvador in Group-3 action. The Impact will play a quarter-final match at home in February. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

On the bright side ...



"The domestic violence issues, they're few and

far between (in the league), but they're just enough to raise a serious awareness. I think that's the good that will come out of it."

Retired quarterback Brett Favre believes that the NFL will survive a turbulent month and hopes that the recent issues with domestic violence will raise awareness about the problem.



Flames flounder in pre-season vs. Canucks

New Flames goalie Jonas Hiller keeps his eye on the puck while dealing with a crowd in front of his net on Thursday night as the Canucks visited the Scotiabank Saddledome. Hiller made 10 saves on 12 shots as the Flames fell 3-1 in pre-season action.

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Humphries ready to sled with men

Bobsled. Calgary's two-time gold medallist will pilot four-man team with male brakemen

Kaillie Humphries will be the test case, the guinea pig if you will, on females racing with and against men in bobsled.

The two-time Olympic gold medallist in women's bobsled has been given the green light to pilot a four-man sled with male brakemen.

FIBT essentially declared Thursday that four-man bobsled is "gender neutral,"

which allows for mixed teams and all-female teams to compete against men's four-man sleds.

Humphries asked the FIBT at the organization's congress in May to allow her to pilot a men's sled. With just six weeks until the start of the 2014-15 racing season, the executive committee essentially said yes.

While it leaves national bobsled federations scrambling to figure out how this will work, Humphries was elated Thursday.

"This day and age, it's something I feel the world is ready for," the Calgarian said.

"I need new challenges and this is a huge one. I think for me knowing another four-year cycle means pushing myself, pushing the limits — the target on my back is a lot bigger."

"I don't want to ever become complacent. And I know this is a challenge that will not allow that to happen. This is something that will challenge me mentally and physically to step up my game."

Women's bobsled was introduced as an Olympic sport in 2002 as a two-person event, while men continued to race two-man and four-man sleds. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Derek Jeter gets swarmed by teammates after his walk-off single in his last game at Yankee Stadium on Thursday night against the Baltimore Orioles. GETTY IMAGES

MLB. Jeter walks off of Bronx stage the hero

The perfect script.

Derek Jeter capped his Yankee Stadium farewell with a game-winning single in the bottom of the ninth inning, the latest — and perhaps last — storybook moment in his illustrious career, which gave New York a 6-5 victory Thursday night over the Baltimore Orioles.

Serenaded with adoring chants that echoed through the Bronx night, Jeter tipped his cap several times at shortstop and drove in three runs. He launched an early double off the left-centre wall and saved the best for last: a sharp, opposite-field single to right that knocked in the winning run.

During the raucous celebration that followed, Jeter said he's played his final game at shortstop, but he'll likely play in some capacity this weekend in Boston.

It appeared Jeter's tie-breaking grounder in the seventh would be the swing

that sent the Yankees to a victory when they built a 5-2 cushion against the AL East champions.

Not bad — but not Jeter. Nope, he's always had a flair for the most electrifying kind of drama, and this night was destined to be no different.

As if it was planned all along, closer David Robertson (4-5) gave up a two-run homer in the top of the ninth to Adam Jones and a tying shot to Steve Pearce with two outs.

That only set the stage for Jeter one more time.

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On Thursday

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Beltre spoils another one for plummeting A's

MLB. Rangers star hits walk-off HR, preventing Oakland from shoring up playoff position

Adrian Beltre hit a walk-off homer in the ninth inning, and the Texas Rangers kept Oakland from getting closer to clinching an AL wild-card spot with a 2-1 victory against the Athletics on Thursday night.

Beltre sent a drive just over the wall in right field off Luke Gregerson (5-5) with one out for his team-leading 19th homer of the season and just his second since Aug. 10.

The A's (86-73) lost a chance to clinch a wild-card spot when Seattle won at Toronto 7-5 earlier in the day in a game shown on the big video board in the Rangers' ballpark.

The last-place Rangers won for the 12th time in 13 games. The A's, who were swept by Texas in Oakland last week and started the day tied with Kansas City for the wild-card lead, have lost seven of 10.

Texas closer Neftali Feliz (2-1) pitched a scoreless ninth as the Rangers kept Oakland's magic number for clinching a third straight playoff spot at two.

Oakland's Coco Crisp reached base five times on

On Thursday

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Rangers

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Athletics

two singles and three walks, but Josh Reddick went 0 for 5 behind him and never moved him up to second base.

Jason Hammel made his first start for Oakland since the birth of his second child over the weekend in Massachusetts. He had a one-hitter in the sixth when Leonys Martin reached on a bunt single with two outs, stole second and scored on Elvis Andrus' single for a 1-1 tie.

The right-hander, just 2-6 since coming over from the Chicago Cubs in a trade at the deadline, was replaced after allowing consecutive singles to Beltre and Jake Smolinski to start the seventh. Dan Otero got two strikeouts to keep the Rangers from taking the lead.

Geovany Soto, playing at Texas for the first time since the Rangers traded him to Oakland a month ago, put the A's up 1-0 with a sacrifice bunt in the sixth. Brandon Moss held up at third until the bunt was down and scored easily.

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Adrian Beltre celebrates with teammates after hitting a walk-off home run against the Oakland A's on Thursday night in Arlington, Tex. TOM PENNINGTON/GETTY IMAGES

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Mickelson to face McIlroy at Ryder Cup

PGA. Lefty and partner Keegan Bradley to face new European pair at Gleneagles

Phil Mickelson poked fun at Rory McIlroy. Now they get to face off in the Ryder Cup.

Mickelson and Keegan Bradley, undefeated as a team two years ago at Medinah, face the European powerhouse of McIlroy and Sergio Garcia in the opening session of fourballs on Friday at Gleneagles.

"We're looking to hand them their first defeat tomorrow morning," McIlroy said.

They will be the anchor match of what should be a fascinating opening session.

U.S. captain Tom Watson made sure all three of his rookies were on the course at Gleneagles right away, and two of them are partners — 21-year-old Jordan Spieth and 24-year-old Patrick Reed, the youngest pairing in Ryder Cup history.

Europe captain Paul McGinley put together four pairings who have never played together in a Ryder Cup. That includes McIlroy and Garcia, who he said have become fast friends over the summer and asked to play together.

"The fun is only starting now," McGinley said.

Mickelson took a playful jab at McIlroy on Wednesday when he said the best part of American unity is the players don't "litigate against each other." McIlroy has a court battle against his former management company, and the lawsuit involves Graeme McDowell.

McIlroy told Golf Channel on Thursday that he "got



Rory McIlroy walks the course during a practice round ahead of the Ryder Cup golf tournament in Gleneagles, Scotland, on Thursday. Scan the image with the Metro News app to see some of the run-up to tee time. SCOTT HEPPLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"It was quite clear not just on the golf course but off the golf course, there's a real bonding going on."

Europe captain Paul McGinley on the pairing of Sergio Garcia and Rory McIlroy

a couple of jabs back" at the gala dinner on Wednesday.

"I know Phil well and we had a couple of laughs about it," McIlroy said.

Mickelson and Bradley went 2-1-1 as partners in the Presidents Cup last year, so they are not unbeatable. And while they faced some of Europe's strongest tandems at Medinah — including handing Garcia and Luke Donald their first loss in foursomes —

this might be the toughest yet.

"It's going to be a difficult match against what we perceive as the strongest team that Europe has," Mickelson said.

Watson went with his strength at the top. He chose Bubba Watson and Webb Simpson in the opening match against Justin Rose and Henrik Stenson. Watson and Simpson won both fourballs matches at Medinah, beating

both opponents on the 14th hole.

Rickie Fowler and Jimmy Walker will play the second match against Martin Kaymer and Thomas Bjorn, the 43-year-old Dane who is playing in the Ryder Cup for the first time since 2002.

Both captains said their plan was for all 12 players to be on the course by the end of Friday.

"People are going to say there is real strength at the top, real strength at the bottom," McGinley said. "It's really strength all over. I really, really rate this American team. We're going to have to be on if we're going to beat them." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

IOC adds anti-discrimination clause to host contract

The IOC will require future Olympic host cities to abide by rules that forbid any kind of discrimination, a move prompted by the outcry caused by Russia's adoption of a law banning so-called gay "propaganda" ahead of the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi.

The International Olympic Committee sent a letter to the three candidates for the 2022 Winter Games specifying that

the host city contract will include new wording on non-discrimination.

The language, based on Principle 6 in the Olympic Charter, also includes a specific reference to discrimination based on gender.

The new clause — seen by The Associated Press — requires the host city and national Olympic committee to "conduct all activities in a manner

2022 Olympic Games

The three finalists in the bidding for the 2022 Games are Almaty, Kazakhstan; Beijing, and Oslo, Norway.

which promotes and enhances the fundamental principles and values of Olympism, in particular the prohibition of any

form of discrimination with regard to a country or a person on grounds of race, religion, politics, gender or otherwise, as well as the development of the Olympic Movement."

The inclusion of the new language follows the global controversy that surrounded the buildup to the Sochi Games after Russia passed a law prohibiting gay "propaganda" to minors. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You seem to have overdone it and need time to recover from your exertions. Even so, Aries is never inactive for long and come the beginning of next week you'll be on the go again.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Something will happen over the next few days that undermines your confidence. Be that as it may everything will be resolved when Venus, your ruler, changes signs next week.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

The setbacks of recent months can now be seen in a more positive light. Even when you were on the receiving end of bad news it was teaching you and toughening you up.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Take advantage of the Sun moving through Libra to sit back and relax. If you have not finished something by now chances are it will never see the light of day, so forget it.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Don't think about all the bad things that go on in the world – think about how you personally can make it a better place in some small way. Get to it.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

There are things going on behind the scenes of which you are only vaguely aware. Keep your eyes and ears open.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Developments in your social life may have the edge taken off them by bad news concerning your finances today. Mercury's move into the money area of your chart tomorrow will bring an obvious answer.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Saturn in your sign does not seem restrictive of late but that does not mean you can loosen your hold on the purse strings.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

On the work front someone is trying to undermine you by talking you down in front of employers. Don't worry, they won't get anywhere.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You have been keeping to yourself a lot in recent days and loved ones are wondering why. Put their minds at rest by telling them your plans.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

It may not feel right that certain people have the power to force you in a certain direction but in a matter of days you will be glad it happened that way.

♓ Pisces

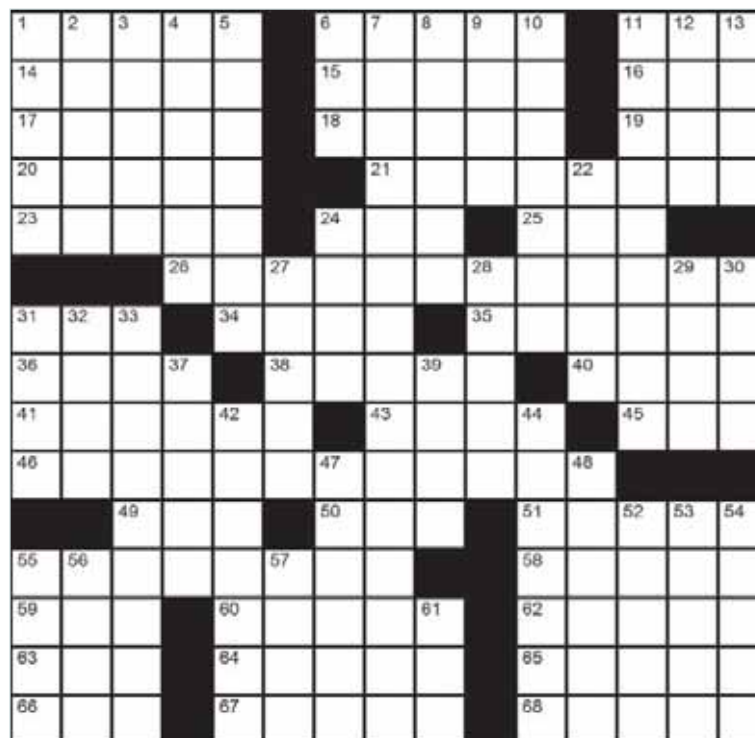
Feb. 20 - March 20

Someone you live or work with will be irritable in the extreme over the next 24 hours. There is no point trying to reason with them or cheer them up because they enjoy being negative. Just stay out of their way.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Rap star, ___ Dogg
6. Andes people, once
11. Broccoli, e.g.
14. PEI's motto, ___
- sub Ingenti
15. Movie opening to 'buckler'?
16. E-Mailer's view-point
17. Not ___ (Not so distant)
18. Accordion music
19. Barb
20. "___ gonna call?" (Ghostbusters style of query)
21. '___ Gears': 1967 Cream album
23. Literary sleuth Mr. Wolfe's
24. Beak: French
25. Trip type
26. Calgary Zoo lizard: 2 wds.
31. Comics fight sound!
34. CCR tune
35. Spain: Spanish
36. Spicy cuisine
38. Adjust anew
40. Radiate
41. Northwest Territories town
43. Surveyor's map
45. Parisian pluses
46. Scottish interior design team who are guest experts on "Cityline": name + symbol + name
49. Ms. Leoni
50. Fit Fiddle link: 2 wds.



51. Clean the spill: 2 wds.
55. 'Bach: The ___ Variations': 1955 Glenn Gould album
58. Mother '___' (Rudyard Kipling poem)
59. Broad belt
60. Ms. Graff of "Mr. Belvedere"

62. Cabs
63. Got gold
64. Knobby
65. Hotel name
66. Born, in bridal bios
67. Gossipy
68. Past times

Down

1. Comic book series

2. 16th-century English satirist, Thomas
3. For Better ___
- Worse: 2 wds.
4. Nunavut: ___ Teritorial Park

5. Posh sun-blocker
6. Web connector [abbr.]
7. What a bat 'really' does in its leisure time: 3 wds.
8. Certain cat coat
9. Is inquisitive
10. Generous people
11. Donkey Kong, for

- one: 2 wds.
12. Early filmdom's Mr. Jannings
13. Songstress Ms. Grant
22. Awestruck
24. Portend
27. 1978 to 1982 sitcom, "___ Mindy"
28. Coup ___ (Take-over)
29. Taking action: 2 wds.
30. Washington baseballers, briefly
31. Ear-related
32. Olympian, Apollo
33. Earthquake! The 'Pinchi' in British Columbia: 2 wds.
37. Foliaged, as stone walls
39. "Born Free" (1966) lioness
42. Needing help: 3 wds.
44. Canadian department store founder Mr. Eaton (b.1834 - d.1907)
47. Mr. Leto's
48. Deli order specification: 2 wds.
52. Computer animation movie studio
53. Join
54. Bugs
55. Evening dress
56. Hautbois
57. H.G. Wells people
61. Cathedral city

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9	3	5	7	6	2	4	1	8
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3	8	9	2	7	4	1	6	5
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4	9	1	5	2	7	6	8	3
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